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Our National Songs

Collected and Arranged

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(PREFACE)

HE countries comprised in the British Isles are pre-eminently rich in the beauty and variety of their national songs, and the Overseas Empire is already adding its quota.

The store available is continually growing, not only from new discoveries and new handlings of old material, but from the mellowing of new vintages into old. Brands that were new a century ago or even less become standard vintages. To take two instances:—the words of "Killarney" were written by Falconer and the music by Balfe. The latter died in 1870; the French words of "O Canada" were written by Judge Routhier and the music by Lavalee in 1880. Both these songs, like the songs of Dibdin, who died in 1814, have now become classic.

It would appear that the taste, both musical and literary, as to the form in which the public likes its national song presented to it, is continually altering and developing. The arrangements of early nineteenth century musicians are not so acceptable in the 20th century as they originally were. The lyrics of Moore, and even in some instances of Burns, begin to vanish from the melodies to which they were originally harnessed, to be replaced by others. In the latter case some of the poems of Burns written in the Lowland Scots language have, though beautiful in themselves, been divorced by purists from old Highland Melodies in favour of lyrics of Gaelic origin or Highland complexion.

But the good old melodies flow on, sonorous in their majesty or bewitching in their artless simplicity and charm, and, unless decay in patriotism or literary and musical taste reaches undreamed of depths of degradation, each decade will welcome successive attempts to display the old treasures in a suitable form.

Whoever misses some favourite melody from this collection must know that if it does not appear it is probably because a limit having been set to the number of songs in the volumes some lesser known melody has been inserted which in the opinion of the editors was worthy of inclusion.

The sole object of these volumes is to put into the hands of both old and young for their delectation some portion of our great national heritage of song.

We must postpone from the prologue to the epilogue our thanks to those who are helping us.

HAROLD BOULTON.

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.

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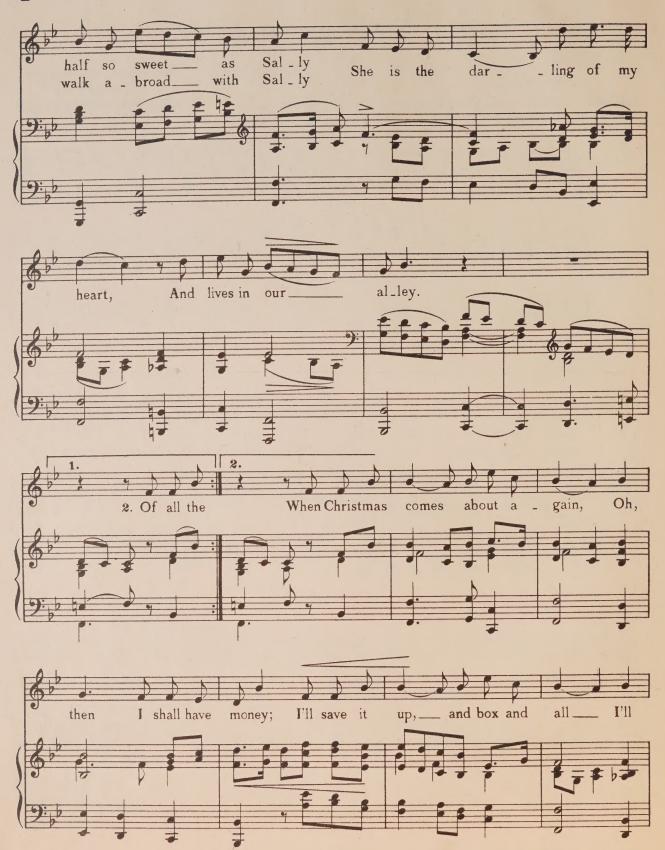
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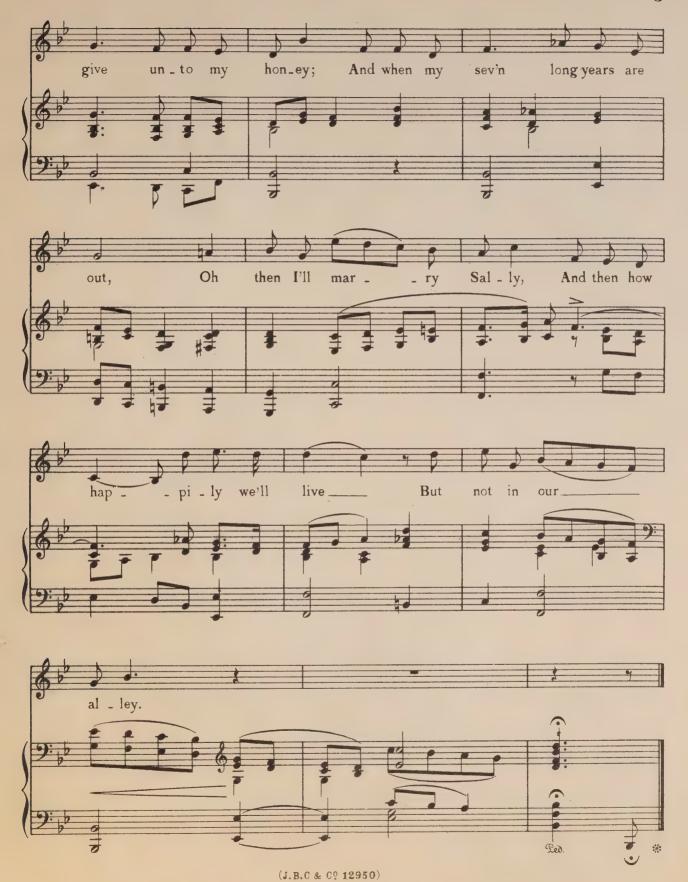


Carey wrote original words and music, but his tune was subsequently discarded for this older melody:

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SALLY IN OUR ALLEY.

Of all the girls that are so sweet,

There's none like pretty Sally;
She is the darling of my heart,

And lives in our alley;
There is no lady in the land

That's half so sweet as Sally;
She is the darling of my heart,

And lives in our alley.

When she is by, I leave my work,
 I love her so sincerely;
My master comes, like any Turk,
 And bangs me most severely;
But let him bang, long as he will,
 I'll bear it all for Sally;
She is the darling of my heart,
 And lives in our alley.

My master carries me to church,
And often I am blamed,
Because I leave him in the lurch,
Soon as the text is named:
I leave the church in sermon time,
And slink away to Sally;
She is the darling of my heart,
And lives in our alley.

Her Father he makes cabbage-nets,
And through the streets does cry them;
Her mother she sells laces long,
To such as please to buy them:
But sure such folks could ne'er beget
So sweet a girl as Sally;
She is the darling of my heart,
And lives in our alley.

Of all the days within the week,

I dearly love but one day,
And that's the day that comes between
A Saturday and Monday:
Oh, then I'm dress'd all in my best,
To walk abroad with Sally
She is the darling of my heart
And lives in our alley.

When Christmas comes about again
Oh, then I shall have money;
I'll save it up, and box and all
I'll give unto my honey;
I would it were ten thousand pounds
I'd give it all to Sally.
She is the darling of my heart
And lives in our alley.

My master and the neighbours all,
Make game of me and Sally,
And but for her I'd better be
A slave, and row a galley:
But when my sev'n long years are out,
Oh, then I'll marry Sally
And then how happily we'll live—
But not in our alley.

Henry Carey. (Early 18th Century.)

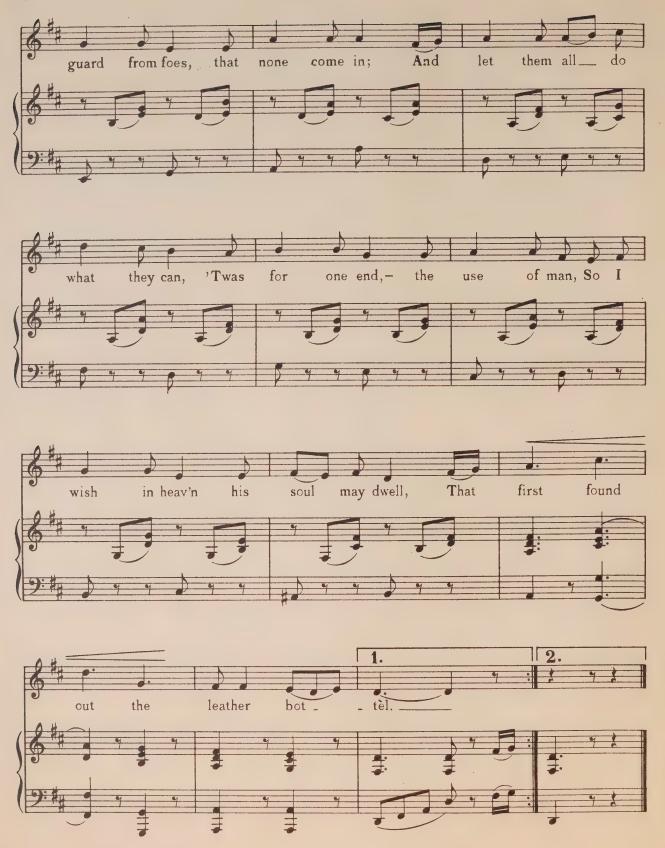
202 2. The Leather Bottèl.

Words Traditional

(17th Century or earlier).
Verses can be selected for singing.

Tune old English
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





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THE LEATHER BOTTÈL.

'Twas God above that made all things, The heav'ns, the earth, and all therein, The ships that on the sea do swim
To guard from foes, that none come in;
And let them all do what they can,
'Twas for one end,— the use of man;
So I wish in heav'n his soul may dwell,
That first found out the leather bottel.

Now what do you say to these cans of wood? Oh no, in faith they cannot be good; For if the bearer fall by the way, Why on the ground your liquor doth lay: But had it been in a leather bottel Although he had fallen, all had been well, So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottel.

Then what do you say to these glasses fine? Oh, they shall have no praise of mine, For if you chance to touch the brim, Down falls the liquor and all therein; But had it been in a leather bottel, And the stopple in, all had been well. So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottel.

Then what do you say to these black pots three? If a man and his wife should not agree, Why they'll tug and pull till their liquor doth spill: In a leather bottèl they may tug their fill, And pull away till their hearts do ake, And yet their liquor no harm can take. So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottèl.

I'hen what do you say to these flagons fine? Oh, they shall have no praise of mine, For when a Lord is about to dine, And sends them to be filled with wine, The man with the flagon doth run away, Because it is silver most gallant and gay. So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottèl.

A leather bottèl we know is good, Far better than glasses or cans or wood, For when a man's at work in the field, Your glasses and pots no comfort will yield; But a good leather bottle standing by, Will raise the spirits, whenever he's dry. So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottèl.

At noon the haymakers sit them down,
To drink from their bottles of ale nut-brown;
In summer too, when the weather is warm,
A good bottle full will do them no harm.
Then the lads and the lasses begin to tattle,
But what would they do without this bottle?
So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell,
That first found out the leather bottel.

There's never a Lord, an Earl or Knight, But in this bottle doth take delight; For when he's hunting of the deer, He oft doth wish for a bottle of beer. Likewise the man that works in the wood, A bottle of beer will oft do him good. So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell, That first found out the leather bottel.

And when the bottle at last grows old,
And will good liquor no longer hold,
Out of the side you may make a clout,
To mend your shoes when they're worn out;
Or take and hang it on a pin,
'Twill serve to put hinges and odd things in.
So I wish in heaven his soul may dwell,
That first found out the leather bottel.

Words 17th Century. or earlier.

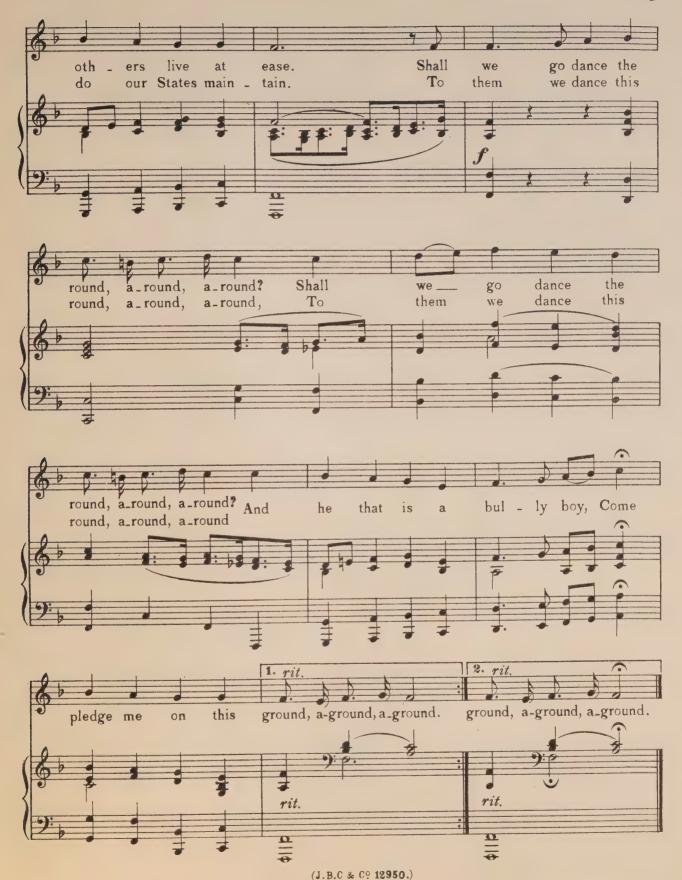
(Verses may be selected for singing according to taste.)

2023. We be Three Poor Mariners.

Words about 1609.

Old Dance Tune about 1609.
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





WE BE THREE POOR MARINERS.

We be three poor mariners,
Newly come from the seas;
We spend our lives in jeopardy,
While others live at ease.
Shall we go dance the round, around, around?
Shall we go dance the round?
And he that is a bully boy,
Come pledge me on this ground, aground, aground.

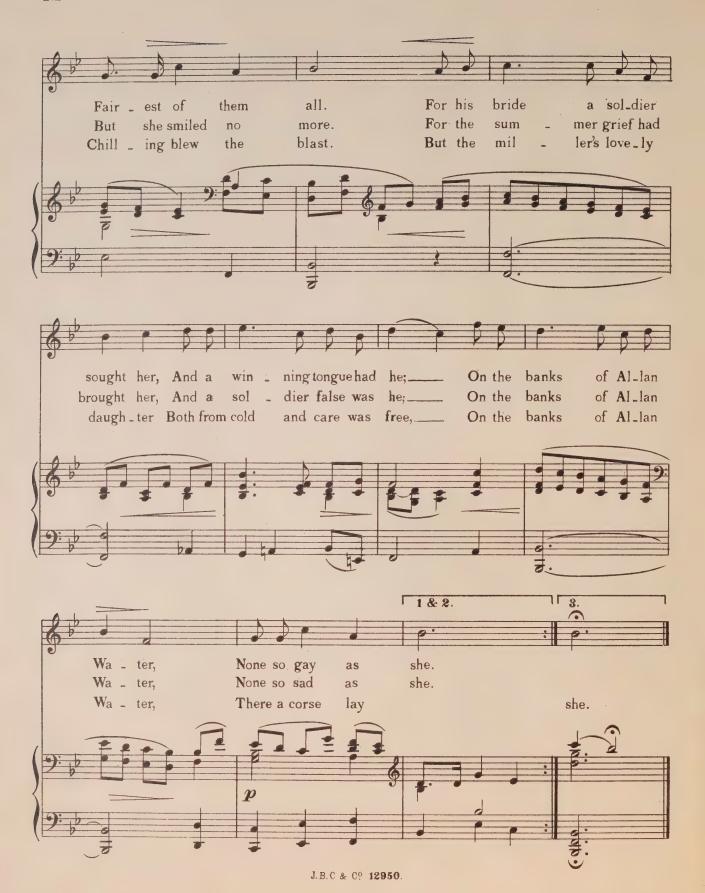
We care not for those martial men
Who do our States disdain;
But we care for those merchantmen
Who do our States maintain.
To them we dance this round, around, around.
To them we dance this round;
And he that is a bully boy,
Come pledge me on this ground, aground, aground.

Traditional words
(about 1609.)

202 4. On the Banks of Allan Water.

Words by M. G. LEWIS. (1775-1818) Air by C.E. HORN (1786 - 1849.)
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





ON THE BANKS OF ALLAN WATER.

On the banks of Allan Water,

When the sweet springtide did fall,

Was the miller's lovely daughter

Fairest of them all.

For his bride a soldier sought her,

And a winning tongue had he;

On the banks of Allan Water

None so gay as she.

On the banks of Allan Water,

When brown Autumn spread its store,
There I saw the miller's daughter,

But she smiled no more.

For the summer grief had brought her

And a soldier false was he,

On the banks of Allan Water,

None so sad as she.

On the banks of Allan Water
When the winter snow fell fast,
Still was seen the miller's daughter,
Chilling blew the blast.
But the miller's lovely daughter
Both from cold and care was free,
On the banks of Allan Water,
There a corse lay she.

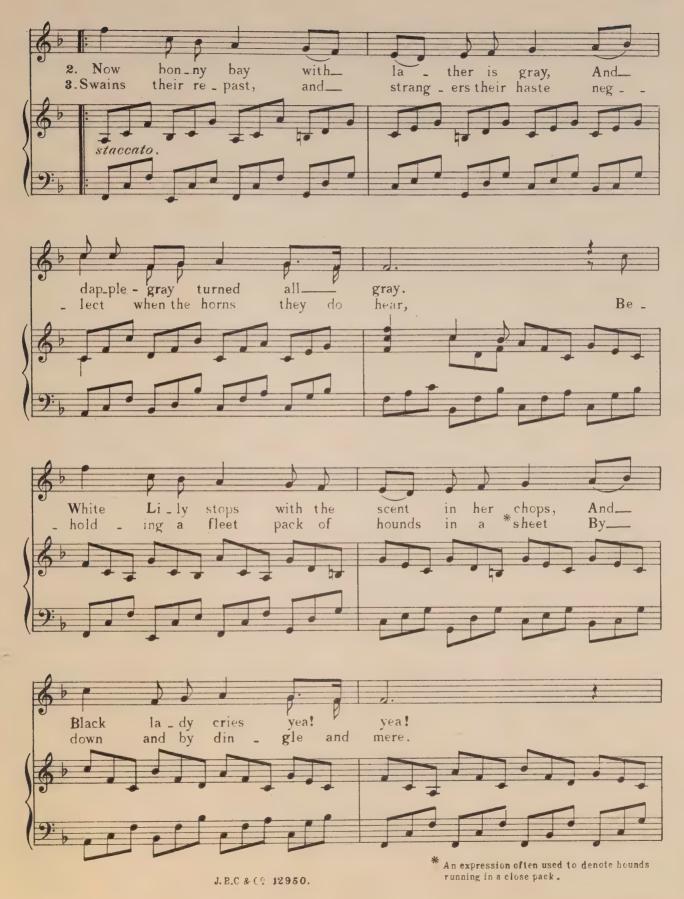
M. G. Lewis. (1775—1818)

202 5. The Hunter in His Career.

Old words adapted by H.B.

Air. about 1627.
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







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THE HUNTER IN HIS CAREER.

Long ere the morn expects the return of the sun from his long night ride,
Before the *creak of the crow, or the break of the day in the welkin be spied.
The hunter would holloa and cheerfully follow to the chase with his bugle so clear.
E cho he'll make, and the mountains shake with the thunder of his career.

Now bonny bay with lather is gray, and dapple gray turned all gray.

White Lily stops with the scent in her chops, and Black Lady cries yea! yea!

Poor silly Wat in this wretched state forgets these delights for to hear.

Nimbly he bounds from the cry of the hounds and the music of their career.

Swains their repast, and strangers their haste neglect when the horns they do hear. Beholding a fleet pack of hounds in a sheet by down and by dingle and mere. Sport when he ends he joyfully wends home again to his cottage, where Frankly he feasts both himself and his guests, and carouses in his career.

Old words adapted by H.B.

^{*} le Croak..

^{*} An expression often used to denote hounds running in a close pack.

200 6. Now Robin lend to me thy bow.

Old words altered by HAROLD BOULTON.

16th Century Air
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





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NOW ROBIN LEND TO ME THY BOW.

"Now Robin, lend to me thy bow,"

"Sweet Robin lend to me thy bow,"

"For I must now a-hunting with my lady go,"

"With my sweet lady go."

"Sweet Wilkin, if she hunting go,"

"Methinks she hunts the harte with me,"

"Therefore, pardie, my hawke, my hound and eke my bow"

"Must serve my sweet ladye."

"Sweet Robin,'tis with me she goes;"

"Sweet Wilkin, nay, she goes with me."

But when the jingle-jangle to its highest rose,

Up came that sweet ladye.

"Sweet Robin, now unbend thy bow,"

"Sweet Wilkin, smooth thy brow,"quo' she;

"Ye twain must hunt my harte at home, I trow,"

"God speed your venerie."

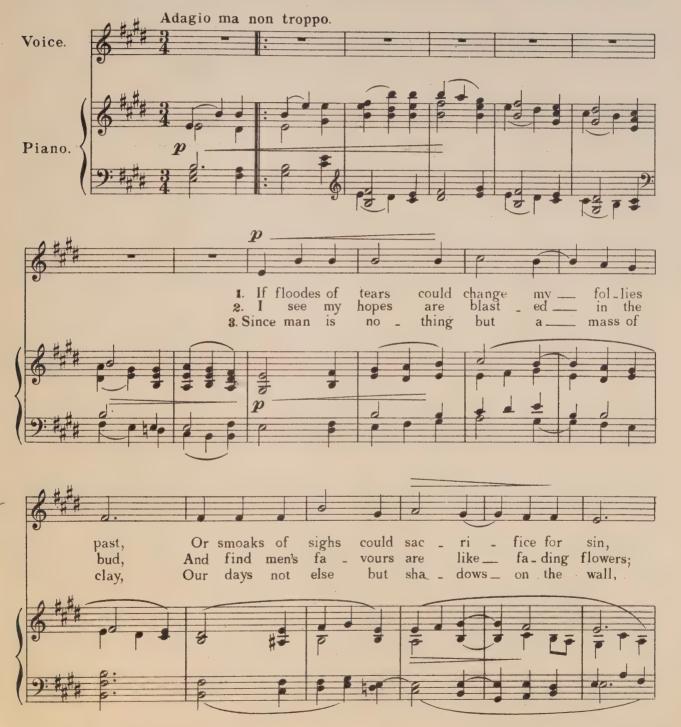
Old words altered by Harold Boulton.

202 7. Floodes of Tears.

WORDS TRADITIONAL.

Spelling as in Forbes Cantus. 12th Century.

Old English Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





FLOODES OF TEARS.

If floodes of tears could change my follies past,
Or smoaks of sighs could sacrifice for sin,
If groaning cries could free my fault at last,
Or endless moan could ever pardon win,
Then would I weep, sigh, cry, and ever groan,
For follies, faults, for sins and errors done.

I see my hopes are blasted in the bud,

And find men's favours are like fading flowers;
I find too late that words can do no good,

But loss of time and languishing of hours.
Thus since I see, I sigh and say therefore,
Hopes, favours, words, begone, beguile no more.

Since man is nothing but a mass of clay,

Our days not else but shadows on the wall,

Trust in the Lord, who lives and reigns for aye,

Whose favour found will neither fade nor fall.

My God, to Thee, I resign my mouth and mind,

No trust in youth, nor faith in age I find.

Traditional.

202 8. Logie o' Buchan.

G. HALKET. (1730) Verses can be selected for singing. Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







LOGIE O' BUCHAN.

O Logie o' Buchan, O Logie the laird, They haeta'en awa' Jamie that delv'd in the yard; Wha play'd on the pipe and the viol sae sma', They haeta'en awa' Jamie the flow'r o' them a'.

He said "Think nae lang, lassie, though I gang awa', For I'll come back and see ye, in spite o' them a'."

Though Sandy has ousen, has gear and has kye, A house and a hadden, and siller forbye, Yet I'd take my ain lad wi' his staff in his hand, Before I'd hae Sandy wi' houses and land.

But simmer is comin' cauld winter's awa'
An' he'll come and see me in spite o' them a'.

My daddy looks sulky, my minnie looks sour,
They flyte upon Jamie because he is poor;
Though I lo'e them as weel as a daughter should do,
They're no half sae dear to me, Jamie, as you.

He said "Think nae lang, lassie, though I gang awa', For I'll come back and see ye, in spite o' them a'."

I sit on my creepie an' spin at my wheel, And think on the laddie that lo'es me sae weel; He had but ae saxpence, he brak' it in twa, An' he gied me the half o't when he gaed away.

Then haste ye back Jamie, cauld winter's awa', For ye'll come back and see me in spite o' them a'.

G. Halket. (1730.)

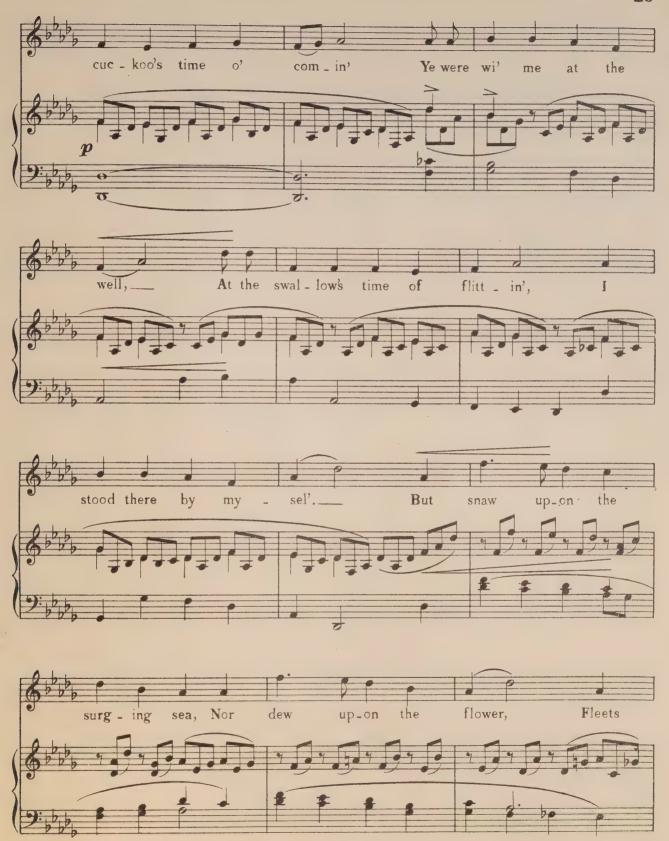
2029. Mary Jamieson.

WORDS TRADITIONAL.

Old Scottish Air arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.









MARY JAMIESON.

I hae lo'ed ye, Mary Jamieson,
As bridegroom ne'er lo'ed bride;
The hours flew by, I wistna how,
When ye stood by my side.
Ye kent my heart was a' your ain,
Mair lo'ed ye couldna be;
But loveless heart, and hameless love,
Are a' ye left to me.

At the cuckoo's time o' comin',
Ye were wi' me at the well;
At the swallow's time o' flittin',
I stood there by mysel'.
But snaw upon the surging sea,
Nor dew upon the flower,
Fleets not sae soon, fades not sae fast,
As fleets love's little hour.

Traditional.

20. Skye Boat Song.

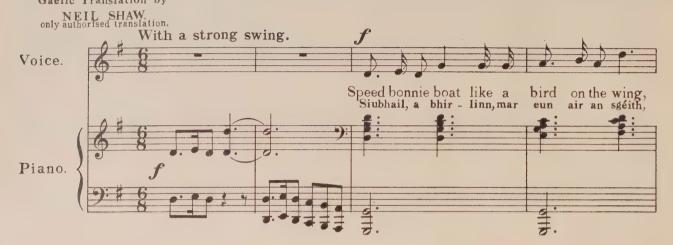
(IORRAM SGITHEANACH) Composed by A. C. MACLEOD.

Words by

Arranged by

HAROLD BOULTON.
Gaelic Translation by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







This song illustrates an episode in the wanderings of Prince Charlie after Culloden, in 1746, when he made his escape from the net his enemies had spread for him, by putting out to sea with Flora Macdonald and a few devoted Highland boatmen in a rising storm, an example which his pursuers, though well provided with boats, did not venture to imitate.

From "Songs of the North" by arrangement.



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SKYE BOAT SONG.

Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing, "Onward" the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,
Thunderclaps rend the air;
Baffled our foes stand by the shore,
Follow they will not dare.
Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing
"Onward" the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep,
Ocean's a royal bed.
Rocked in the deep Flora will keep
Watch by your weary head.
Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing
"Onward" the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

Many's the lad fought on that day
Well the claymore could wield
When the night came silently lay
Dead on Culloden's field
Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing,
"Onward" the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

Burned are our homes, exile and death
Scatter the loyal men;
Yet, ere the sword cool in the sheath,
Charlie will come again.
Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing,
"Onward" the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

IORRAM SGITHEANACH.

Siubhail, a bhirlinn, mar eun air an sgéith, "Siuthad," a dh'éibh na seòid;
Giulain an laoch bu chòir bhi 'na rìgh
Thairis gu Tìr a' Cheò.

Seideadh gaoth chruaidh, beucadh na stuaidh'
Tàirneach a' sguabadh neòil;
Nàmhaid fo ghruaim sealltuinn thar chuan,
Gealtach thug suas an tòir.
Siubhail, a bhìrlinn, mar eun air an sgéith,
"Siuthad," a dh'éibh na seòid;
Giulain an laoch bu chòir bhi 'na rìgh
Thairis gu Tìr a' Cheò.

Sèimh tha do shuain dh'aindeoin guth stuadh
'S rìoghail do chluan fo shèol;
Ainnir nam buadh tàladh a luaidh,
Faire do chuailein òir.
Siubhail, a bhìrlinn, mar eun air an sgeith
"Siuthad," a dh'éibh na seòid;
Giulain an laoch bu chòir bhi 'na rìgh
Thairis gu Tìr a' Cheò.

'S ioma fear treun chaidh anns an streup
Claidheamh air ghleus gu lèon;
Fhuaradh a chré aig ciaradh gréin,'
Sint air Cuil-lodair reòt.
Siubhail, a bhirlinn, mar eun air an sgéith
"Siuthad," a dh'éibh na seòid;
Giulain an laoch bu chòir bhi 'na rìgh
Thairis gu Tìr a' Cheò.

Dachaidhean fàs, faondradh is bàs,
Sgaoilte na sàir bu teòm;
Mu'm fuaraich lann 's an truaill ach gann
Tillidh ruinn Tearlach Og.
Siubhail, a bhìrlinn, mar eun air an sgéith
"Siuthad," a dh'éibh na seòid;
Giulain an laoch bu chòir bhi 'na rìgh
Thairis gu Tìr a' Cheò.

Gaelic Translation by
NEIL SHAW.
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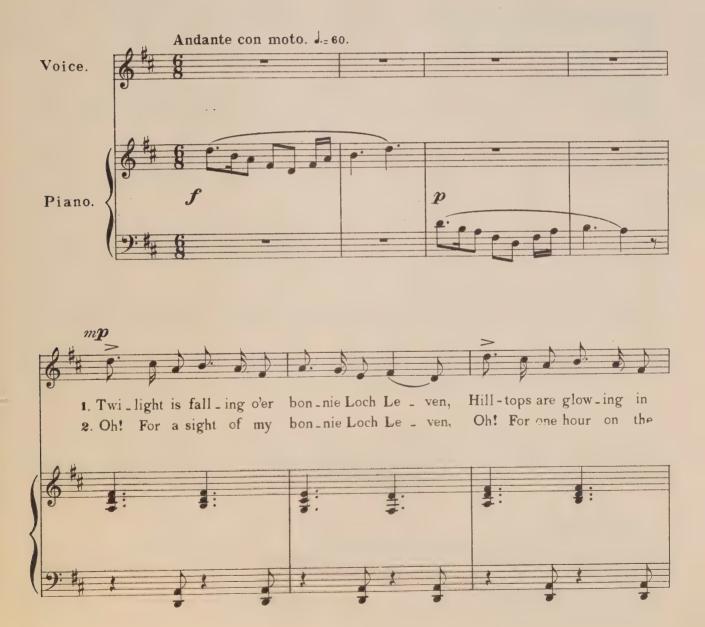
M: 11. Herding Song.

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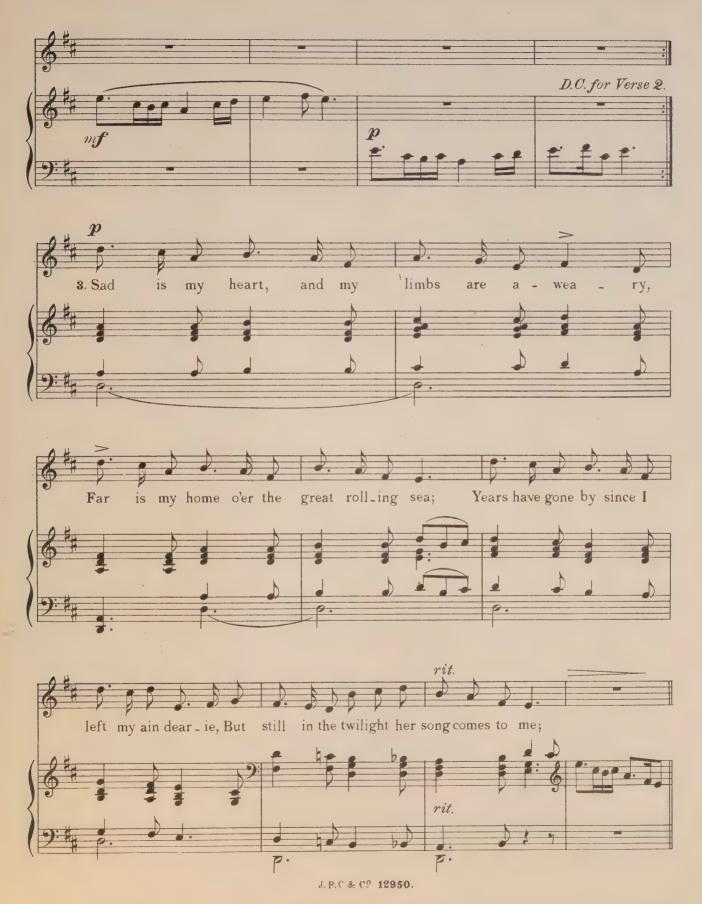
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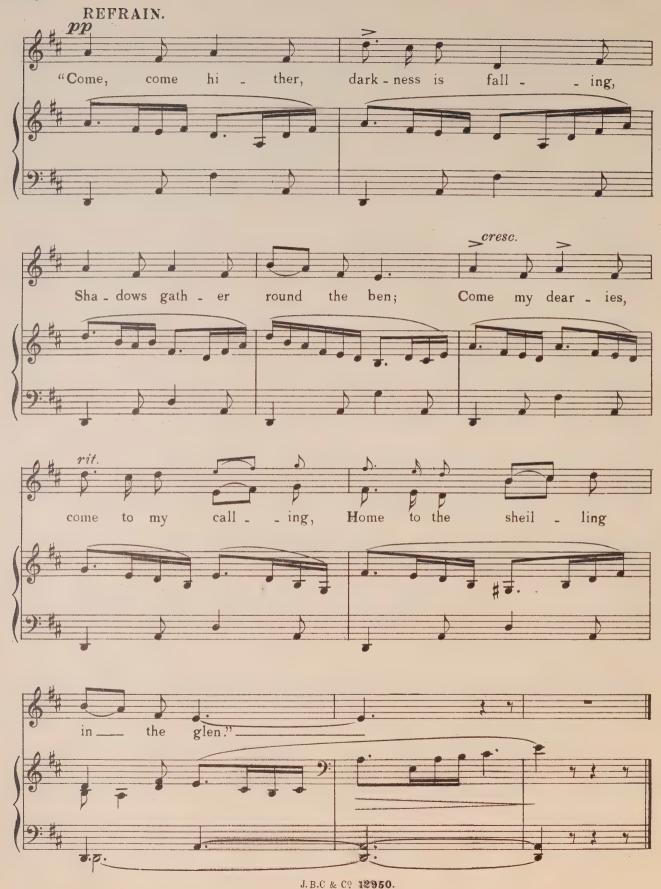
Old Highland Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





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HERDING SONG.

Twilight is falling on bonnie Loch Leven,
Hill-tops are glowing in sunset red;
Through the dim valley a lassie comes lilting,
Calling her cows to come home to the shed.

"Come, come hither, darkness is falling,"

"Shadows gather round the ben;"

"Come, my dearies, come to my calling,"

"Home to the sheiling in the glen."

Oh! For a sight of my bonnie Loch Leven,
Oh! For one hour on the heathery brae;
Oh! For to hear the sweet voice of my darling,
Calling her cattle at close of day!

"Come, come hither," &c.

Sad is my heart, and my limbs are aweary,

Far is my home o'er the great rolling sea;

Years have gone by since I left my ain dearie,

But still in the twilight her song comes to me.

"Come, come hither,"

Jan L. Lawson.
(Mrs Malcolm Lawson.)

ORAU NA BUACHAILLEACHD. (The Herding Song.)

Thán duibhre a tuiteam air maise Loch-Liobhainn; Dearg-ghrian a laiohe 'sa lasadh nam barr. Troimh au ghleann dhoilleir tha ceilear mo chailinn, 'Gairm a' chruidh dhachaidh gu fasgadh nan crà.

> Thig, thig thugam, tha'n dorcha a tighinn; Sgàilean a tional thar nam beann: Thigibh m'eudail: thigibh air m'ailghios Dhachaidh do'n àiridh anns a' ghleann.

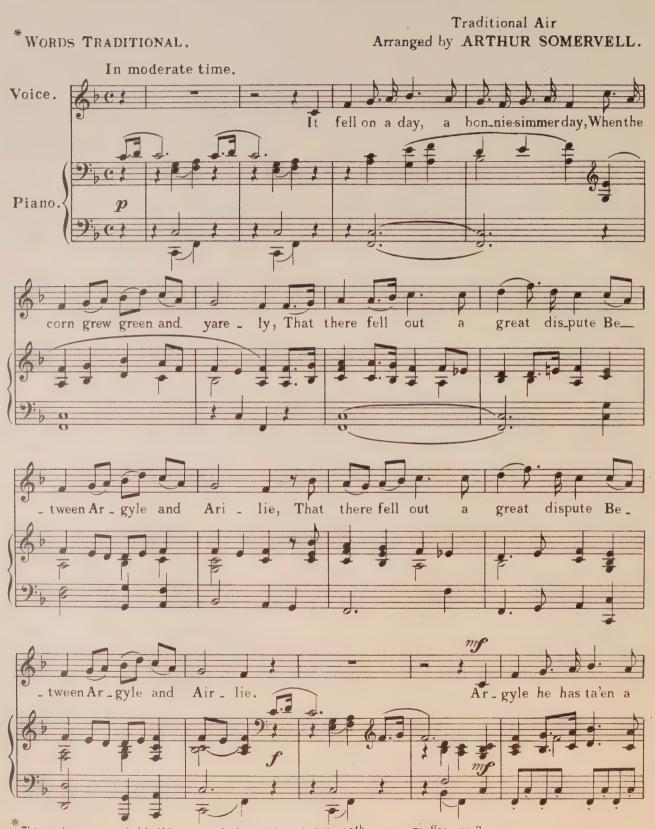
O, air son sealladh de nhaise Loch-Liobhainn!
Uair de thoilinntinn a fhrithean glan fraoich!
O, air son eisdeachd ri binn-ghuth na h-ainnir
Deireadh au latha 'gairm dhachaidh 'chruidh-laoigh!

Toom tha mo chridhe's mi sgith is fo airsneul,
Fada bhom' dhachaidh thar astar mor-chuan:
Bliadhnachan maireann o'n dh'fhàg mi mo chagar,
Ach feasgar thig fhathact a h-ealaidh gum' chluais-

Thig, thig thugam, tha'n dorcha a tighinn: Sgaileau a tional thar nam beann: Thigibh m'eudail: thigibh air m'ailghios Dhachaidh do'n àiridh anns a' ghleann.

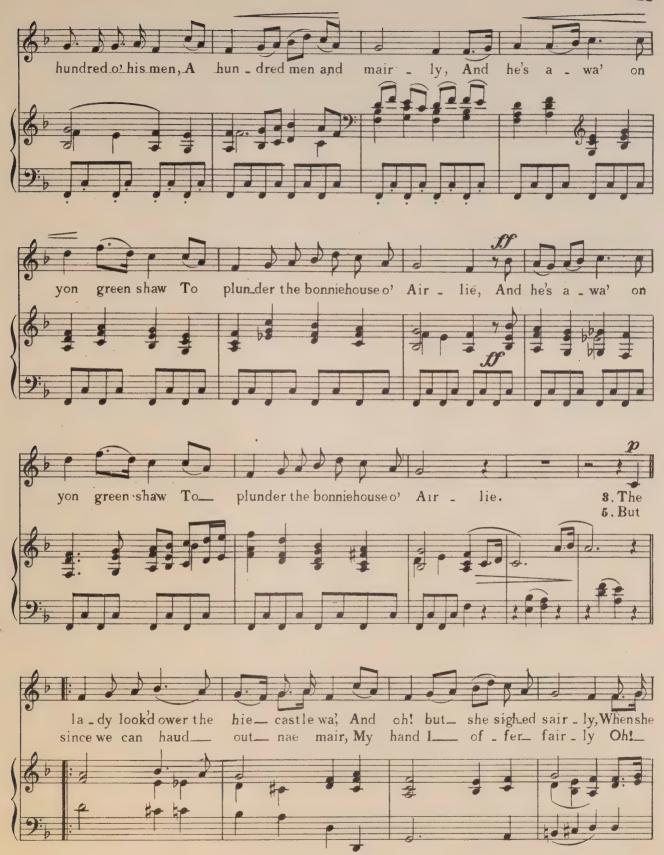
By the Revnd
Hector Cameron.

202 12. The Bonnie House of Airlie.



The events commemorated in this song took place at the end of the 16th century. The "Charlie" mentioned was either Charles II or "Prince Charlie" dragged into the song by a later hand.

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THE BONNIE HOUSE OF AIRLIE.

It fell on a day, a bonnie simmer day,
When the corn grew green and yarely.
That there fell out a great dispute
Between Argyle and Airlie.

Argyle he has ta'en a hundred o' his men, A hundred men and mairly. And he's awa' on yon green shaw To plunder the bonnie house o' Airlie.

The lady looked ower the hie castle wa',
And oh! But she sighed sairly,
When she saw Argyle and a' his men,
Come to plunder the bonnie house o' Airlie.

"Come down, come down, Lady Margaret," he says,
"Come down and kiss me fairly,"
"Or before the mornin's clear daylight"
"I'll leave no a standin' stane in Airlie."

"I wadna kiss thee, fause Argyle,"

"I wadna kiss thee fairly,"

"I wadna kiss thee, fause Argyle,

"Gin ye should'na leave a standin' stane in Airlie."

"Had my ain lord been at his hame,"
"But he's awa' wi' Charlie,"
"There's no a Campbell in a' Argyle,"
"Dare hae trod on the bonnie green o' Airlie".

"But since we can haud out nae mair,"

"My hand I offer fairly,"

"Oh! Lead me doun to yonder glen,"

"That I may see the burnin' o' Airlie."

He's ta'en her by the trembling hand,
But he's no ta'en her fairly,
For he led her up to a hie hill tap
Where she saw the burnin' o' Airlie.

Clouds o' smoke and flames sae hie,
Soon left the wa's but barely;
And she laid her down on that hill to dee
When she saw the burnin' o' Airlie.

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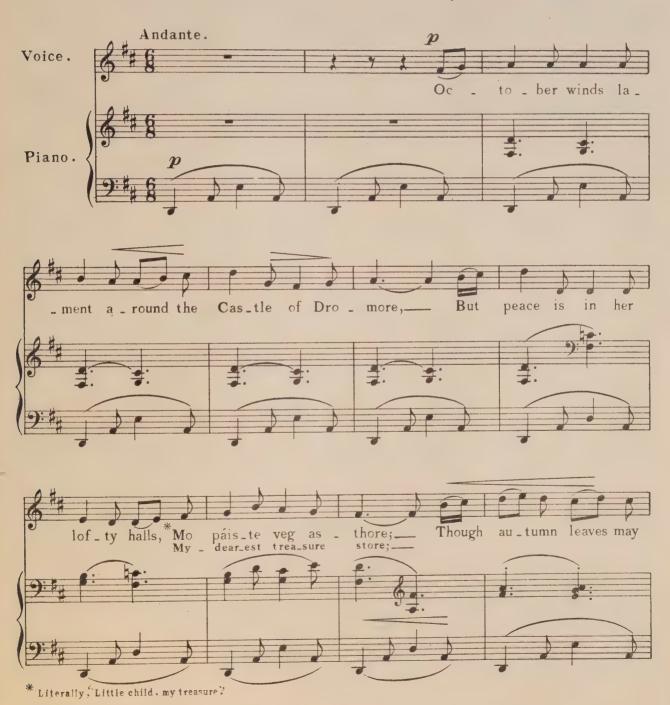
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(IRISH LULLABY.)

English words by HAROLD BOULTON.

Irish translation by D. DOUGLAS HYDE.

Old Irish Air.
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



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THE CASTLE OF DROMORE. (IRISH LULLABY.)

October winds lament around the Castle of Dromore, But peace is in her lofty halls, mo paiste veg asthore;* Though autumn leaves may droop and die, a bud of spring are you-Sing hushaby lullalloo lo lan, sing hushaby lullaloo.

Bring no ill-will to hinder us - my helpless babe and me, Dread spirits of the Blackwater, Clan Eoghan's wild banshee; For Holy Mary, pitying us, in heaven for grace doth sue -Sing hushaby lullaloo lo lan, sing hushaby lullaloo.

Take time to thrive, my rose of hope, in the garden of Dromore; Take heed, young eaglet, till your wings have feathers fit to soar. A little rest, and then the world is full of work to do— Sing hushaby lullaloo lo lan, sing hushaby lullaloo.

Harold Boulton.

* Literally, Little child, my treasure."

CAISLEÁN AN DROMA-MHOIR.

Tá gaotha an gheimhridh sgallta fuar, thart thimchioll an Drom'-mhóir, Acht ann sna alla ta siothchán, mo phaisde beag astor, Ta gach sean-duilleog dul air crith, acht is ôg an beannglan thu, Seinnfimid lóithín ló ló lan, lóithín a's Iul la lú.

Nár thig aon droch-rud idir mé's mo naoidheanán gan bhrón, Nar thig aon tais ó'n Abhainn Mhóir na Bean-sidhe Chloinne Eoghain, Ta Muire Máthair ós ár g-cion ag iarradh grása duinn; Seinnfimid lóithín ló ló lán, lóithín a's lul la lú.

A Róis mo chroidhe, a Slaithín ur a's gharrda an Drom'-mhóir. Bi ag fas go mbeidh gach cleite beag mar sgiathán iolair mhóir, Agus léim ann sin air fad an t-saoghail, oibrigh a's saothraigh clu; Seinnfimid lóithín ló lólan, lóithín a's lul la lu.

Translation by D. Dougla's Hyde.

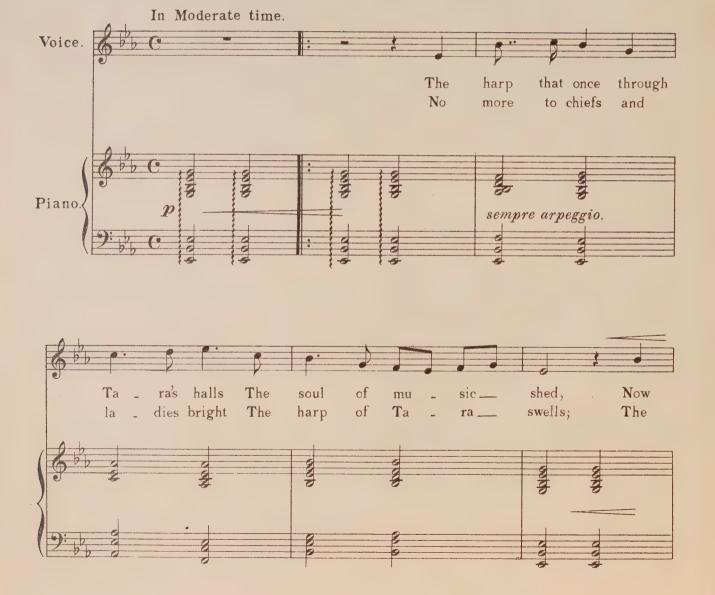
202 14. The Harp that once.

Words by
THOMAS MOORE.
1779-1852.

OLD IRISH MELODY.

Arranged by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





THE HARP THAT ONCE.

The harp that once through Tara's halls

The soul of music shed,

Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls

As if that soul were fled.

So sleeps the pride of former days,

So glory's thrill is o'er,

And hearts that once beat high for praise,

Now feel that pulse no more.

No more to chiefs and ladies bright

The harp of Tara swells;
The chord, alone, that breaks at night,

Its tale of ruin tells.

Thus Freedom now so seldom wakes,

The only throb she gives

Is when some heart indignant breaks,

To show that still she lives.

Thomas Moore. 1779 - 1852.

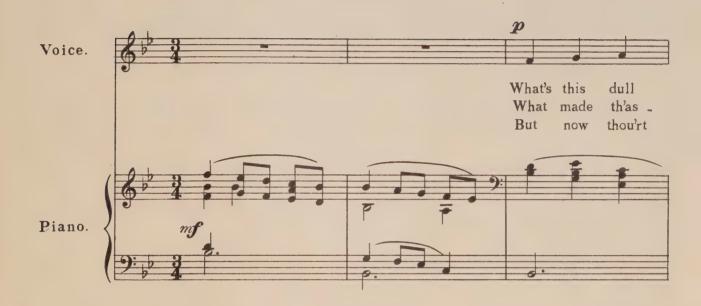
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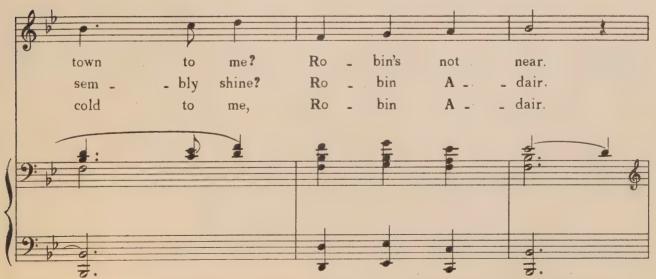
Words by
ROBERT BURNS.
* 1759-1796.

OLD IRISH MELODY.

Arranged by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





It is noteworthy that Burns, who acknowledged this tune to be Irish, wrote the poem without a word of his usual Scots vernacular.

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ROBIN ADAIR.

What's this dull town to me?
Robin's not near.

What was't I wish'd to see?
What wish'd to hear?

Where's all the joy and mirth,

Made this town heav'n on earth?

Oh, they're all fled with thee,
Robin Adair.

What made th'assembly shine?
Robin Adair.
What made the ball so fine?
Robin was there.
What, when the play was o'er,
What made my heart so sore?
Oh, it was parting with
Robin Adair.

But now thou'rt cold to me
Robin Adair.

But now thou'rt cold to me
Robin Adair.

Yet he I lov'd so well

Still in my heart shall dwell.

Oh, I can ne'er forget
Robin Adair.

Robert Burns. 1759-1796.

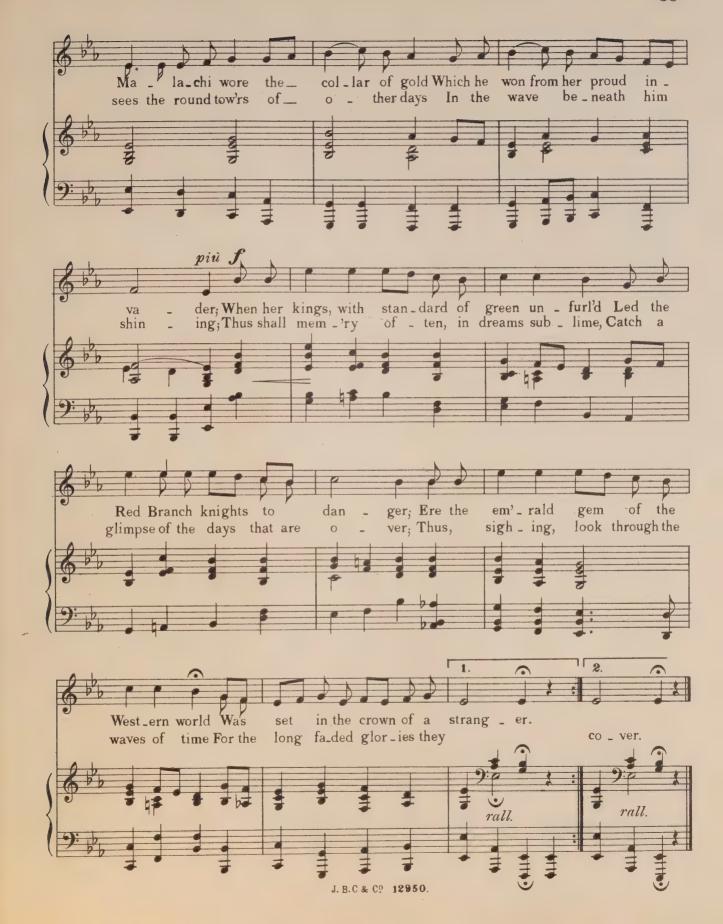
202 16. Let Erin Remember.

THOMAS MOORE. 1779 – 1852. OLD IRISH TUNE "THE LITTLE RED FOX."

Arranged by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





LET ERIN REMEMBER.

Let Erin remember the days of old,

Ere her faithless sons betrayed her;

When Malachi wore the collar of gold

Which he won from her proud invader;

When her kings, with standard of green unfurl'd

Led the Red Branch Knights to danger;

Ere the em'rald gem of the Western world

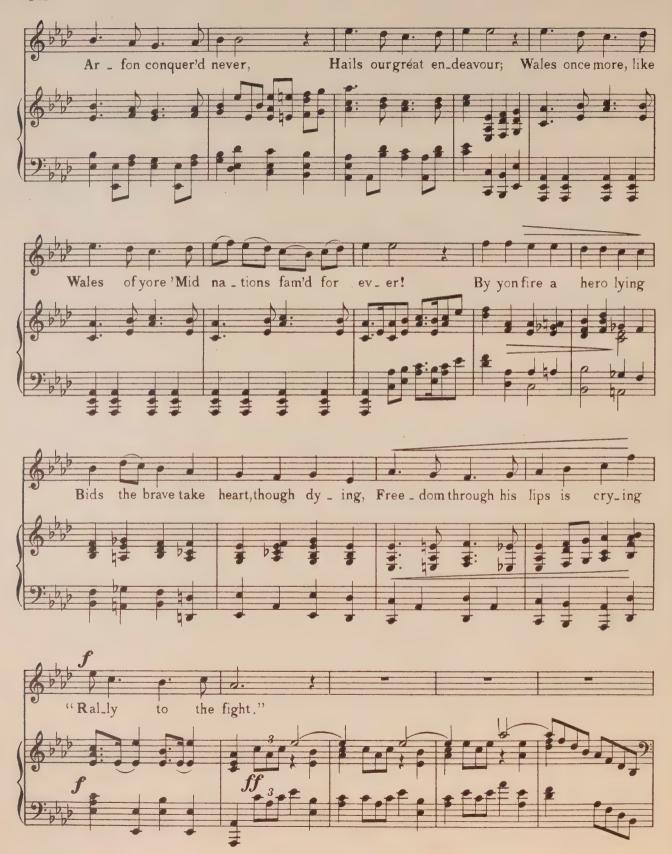
Was set in the crown of a stranger.

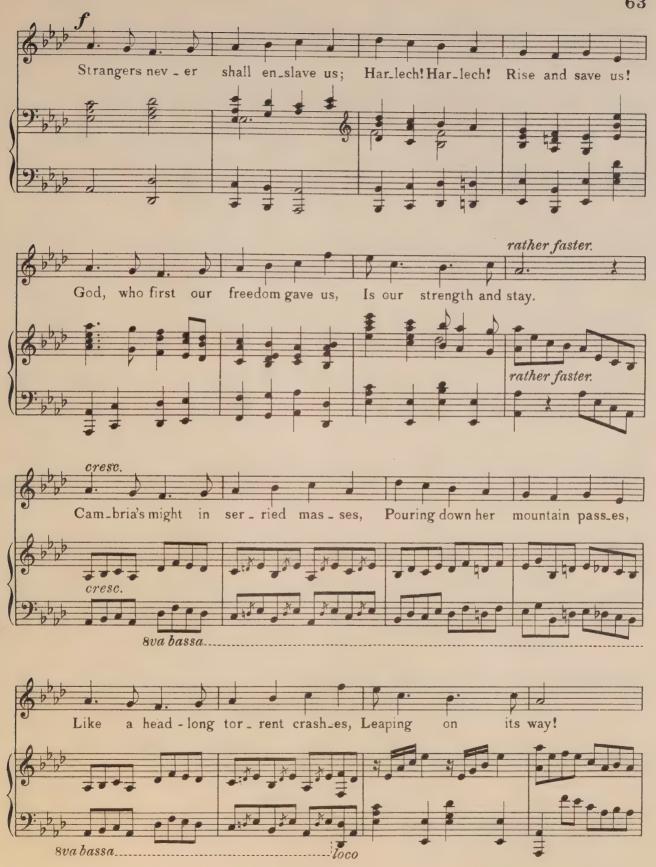
On Lough Neagh's banks as the fisherman strays,
When the clear cold eve's declining,
He sees the round tow'rs of other days
In the wave beneath him shining;
Thus shall mem'ry often, in dreams sublime,
Catch a glimpse of the days that are over;
Thus, sighing, look through the waves of time
For the long faded glories they cover.

Thomas Moore. 1779-1852.

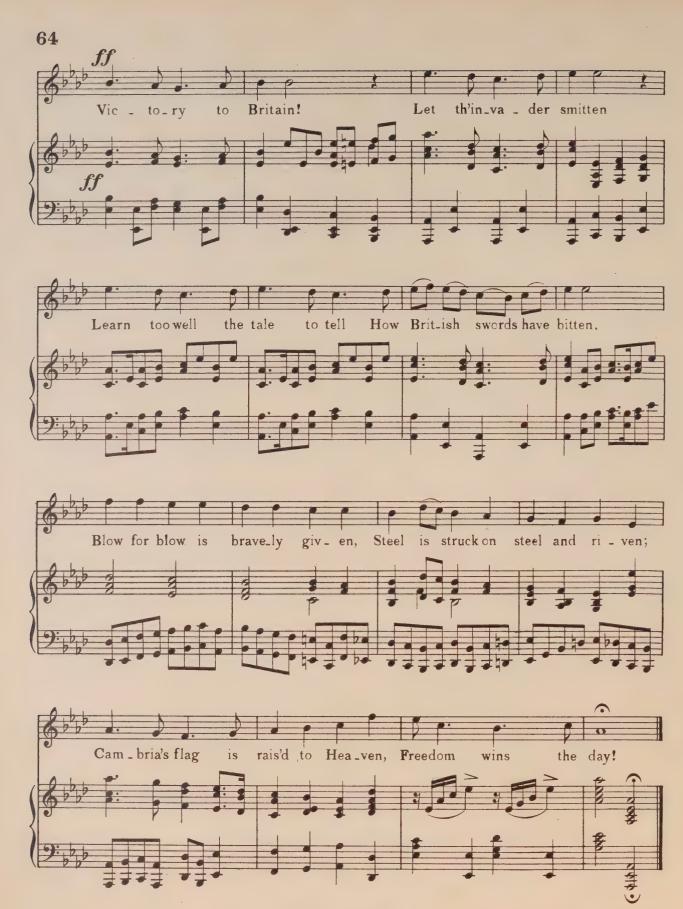
202 17. March of the Men of Harlech.







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MARCH OF THE MEN OF HARLECH.

See the watch-fire war declaring, Tongues of flame the summons flaring; "Come ye brave, for deeds of daring Once again unite." Shouts of princes, knights and bowmen, Shouts flung back by gathering foemen, Clatter of steeds and armed yeomen Ring from height to height. Arfon, conquered never, Hails our great endeavour, Wales once more like Wales of yore 'Mid nations famed for ever. By you fire a hero lying Bids the brave take heart though dying; Freedom through his lips is crying "Rally to the fight."

Strangers never shall enslave us! Harlech! Harlech! Rise and save us! God, who first our freedom gave us, Is our strength and stay. Cambria's might in serried masses Pouring down her mountain passes Like a headlong torrent crashes, Leaping on its way! Victory to Britain! Let the invader smitten Learn too well the tale to tell How British swords have bitten. ·Blow for blow is bravely given, Steel is struck on steel and riven, Cambria's flag is raised to Heaven Freedom wins the day.

Translated by Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

RHYFELGYRCH GWYR HARLECH.

Wele goelcerth wen yn fflamio A thafodau tan vn bloeddio Ar i'r dewrion ddod i daro Unwaith eto'n un. Gan fanllefau tywysogion, Llais gelynion, trwst arfogion, A charlamiad y marchogion, Craig ar graig a gryn. Arfon byth ni orfydd, Cenir yn dragywydd "Cymru fydd fel Cymru fu Yn glodus ym mysg gwledydd." Yng ngwyn oleuni'r goelcerth acw Tros wefusau Cymro'n marw Annibyniaeth sydd yn galw Am ei dewraf dyn.

Ni chaiff gelyn ladd ac ymlid: Harlech! Harlech! cwyd i'w herlid! Y mae Rhoddwr mawr ein rhyddid Yn rhoi nerth i ni. Wele Gymru ai byddinoedd Yn ymdywallt o'r mynyddoedd, Rhuthrant fel rhaeadrau dyfroedd, Llamant fel y Ili. Llwyddiant i'n lluyddion Rwystro bar yr estron, Gwybod yn ei galon gaiff Fel bratha cleddyf Brython. Y cledd yn erbyn cledd a chwery, Dur yr erbyn dur a dery, Wele faner Gwalia i fyny, Rhyddid aiff a hi!

Ceiriog Hughes.

202 18. All Through the Night.

(AR HYD Y NOS.)

English Words by HAROLD BOULTON.
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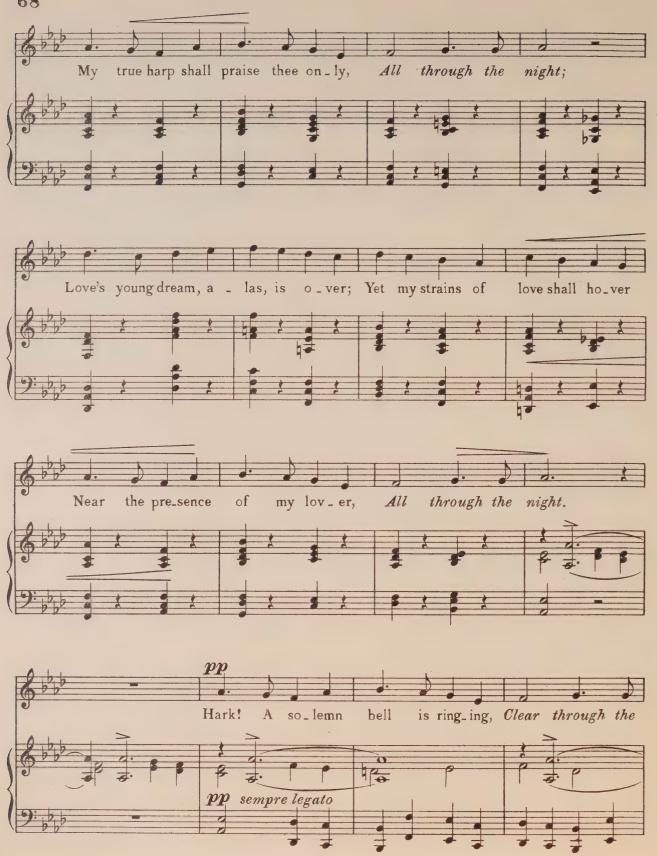
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ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT.

Sleep my love and peace attend thee,
All through the night;
Guardian angels God will lend thee,
All through the night;
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,
Hill and dale in slumber steeping,
Love alone his watch is keeping—
All through the night.

Though I roam, a minstrel lonely,
All through the night;

My true harp shall praise thee only,
All through the night;

Love's young dream, alas, is over,
Yet my strains of love shall hover
Near the presence of my lover,
All through the night.

Hark! A solemn bell is ringing,
Clear through the night;
Thou my love art heavenward winging,
Home through the night;
Earthly dust from off the shaken,
Soul immortal thou shalt waken,
With thy last dim journey taken
Home through the night.

Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

AR HYD Y NÔS.

Cwsg fy mun, a hedd fo'th weinydd,

Ar hyd y nos.

Engyl wyliant dy obenydd,

Ar hyd y nos.

Tra y treigla'r oriau meithion

Tra yr hepia natur weithion,

Serch sy'n effro a'i obeithion,

Ar hyd y nos.

Er im' grwydro fel un annghall, Ar hyd y nos.
Ni wnai'm telyn foli arall, Ar hyd y nos.
Serch fu'n llunio llawen fwriad; Treulio oriau gyda'i gariad, Ond nid dyna fu fy mhrofiad Ar hyd y nos.

Clywch! mae cloch yn trymaidd seinio,

Drwy'r ddistaw nos;

Fry mae'm cariad wedi hwylio,

Drwy'r dywell nos;

Ond 'rol ysgwyd llwch 'daearol

Oddiwrthyt, O anfarwol!

Gorphwys gei ar serch tragwyddol,

Mewn nef heb nos.

Translation by G. M. Probert.

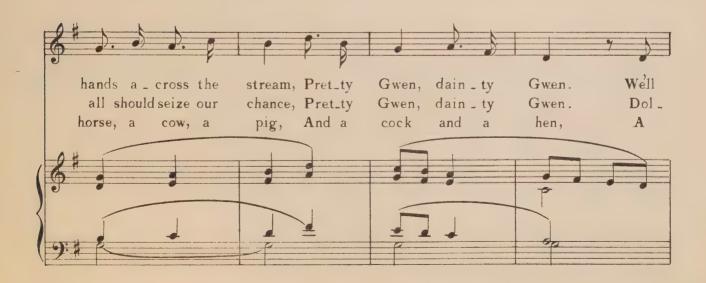
202 19. Mentra Gwen.

(VENTURE GWEN.)

English Poem by
HAROLD BOULTON.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydaiu)
Welsh Translation by
CARADAR.

Old Welsh Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







MENTRA GWEN.

(VENTURE GWEN.)

Take hands to cross the stream
Pretty Gwen, dainty Gwen.
We'll jump from stone to stone and I'll say when.
I'll lift you o'er the water
Though you're a rich man's daughter
And I'm a petty farmer
Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen.
(Venture)

We all should seize our chance Pretty Gwen, dainty Gwen, Dolgelly's full of women more than men. That girl I could have kissed with Rosebud lips at Aberystwyth! But I knew your lips were softer Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen. (Venture)

I've a horse, a cow, a pig,
And a cock and a hen,
A goat and several sheep inside a penAlthough my farm is little
My heart is large and brittle
Oh! Take it, do not break it,
Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen.
(Venture)

Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain)

MENTRA GWEN.

Dy law wrth groesi'r nant Dyro, Wen, swynol Wen, Dywedaf pryd i neidio pob carreg wen: Mi'th godaf dros y ffrydli Er merch gyfoethog wyt-ti A minnau'n ffenmwr bychan, Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen.

Manteisio ar ein siawns
Ddylem, Wen, swynol Wen,
Mae Dolgellau'n llawn o wragedd hyd y nen!
Mi roiswn gusan esmwyth
I'r fun yn Aberystwyth
Oni wyddwn flas dy wefus,
Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen.

Mae mochyn, ceffyl, buwch A cheiliog Wen, geni, Wen; Ac iar a gafr ac amhel? ddafad wen: Mae gen i fferm gysurus, A chalon fawr- ond bregus, Ac felly paid â'i thorri, Mentra Gwen, Mentra Gwen.

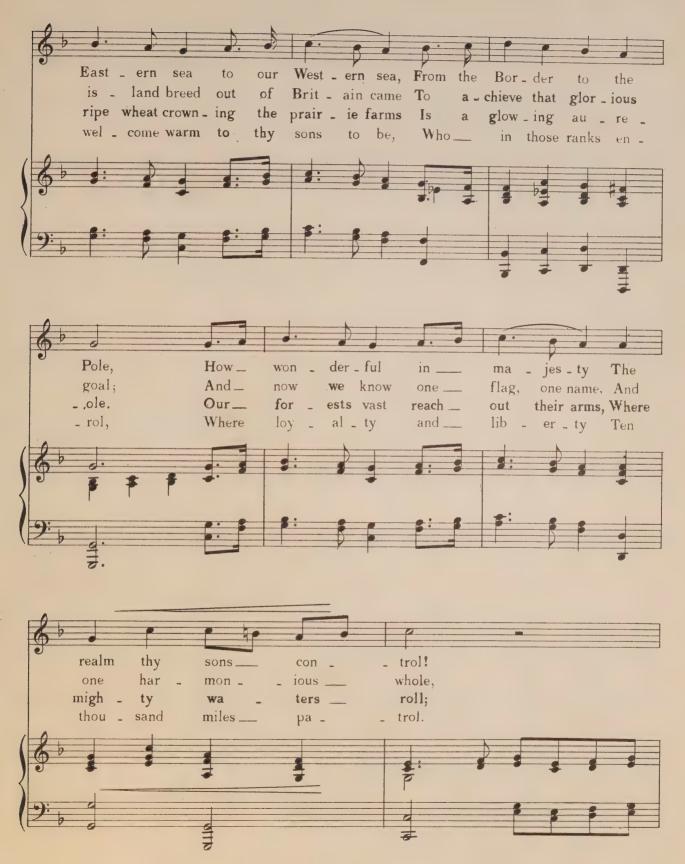
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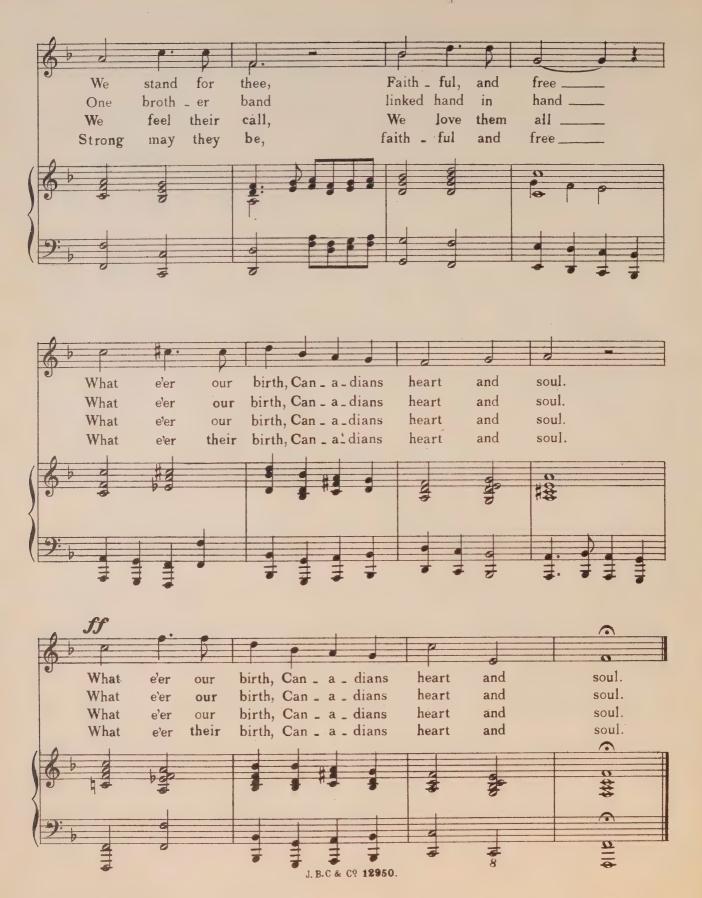
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O CANADA.

O Canada! The homeland we adore,
God give us grace to love thee more and more!
From our Eastern sea to our Western sea,
From the Border to the Pole,
How wonderful in majesty
The realm thy sons control!
We stand for thee, faithful and free,
What e'er our birth, Canadians heart and soul.

All hail to you, brave gentlemen of France!

First, cross in hand, your banners to advance;

Till the island breed out of Britain came

To achieve that glorious goal.

And now we know one flag, one name,

And one harmonious whole,

One brother band linked hand in hand

What e'er our birth, Canadians heart and soul.

Giants of the West, our cloud-capped mountains stand, Whose fruitful flanks toward sunlit seas expand; Oh! The ripe wheat crowning the prairie farms Is a glowing aureole, Our forests vast reach out their arms. Where mighty waters roll; We feel their call, we love them all, What e'er our birth, Canadians heart and soul.

O Canada! What must thy future hold,
When those to come thy scroll of fate unfold?
Give a welcome warm to thy sons to be,
Who in those ranks enrol,
Where loyalty and liberty
Ten thousand miles patrol.
Strong may they be, faithful and free
What e'er their birth, Canadians heart and soul.

Harold Boulton.

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- 3. When the King Enjoys His Own When the King enjoys his own again. (Harold Boulton.)
- 4. CUPID'S GARDEN Cupid's Garden. (Unknown.)
- 5. My Longing IT IS ON THE COLD My Lodging it is on the cold ground GROUND (Unknown.)
- 6. OLD TOWLER Old Towler. (Unknown.)
- ... Floodes of Tears. 7. FLOODES OF TRARS (Uńknown.)
- 8. PRETTY POLLY OBIVER Pretty Polly Oliver. (Harold Boulton.)
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- ... The Happy Clown. 10. HAPPY FARMER (THE) ... (Harold Boulton.)

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11. WHERE HE GOING? ... Where be going. (Unknown.)

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- 18. TWINE THE PLAIDEN Twine the Plaiden. (Unknown)
- 19. WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN? Will ye no come back again? (Lady Nairne.)
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- The Ash Grove. 35. Ash Grove (The) (English-Harold Boulson. Welsh simile-G. M. Probert.)

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OUR NATIONAL SONGS

(PREFACE)

HE countries comprised in the British Isles are pre-eminently rich in the beauty and variety of their national songs, and the Overseas Empire is already adding its quota.

The store available is continually growing, not only from new discoveries and new handlings of old material, but from the meliowing of new vintages into old. Brands that were new a century ago or even less become standard vintages. To take two instances:—the words of "Killarney" were written by Falconer and the music by Balfe. The latter died in 1870; the French words of "O Canada" were written by Judge Routhier and the music by Lavalee in 1880. Both these songs, like the songs of Dibdin, who died in 1814, have now become classic.

It would appear that the taste, both musically and literary, as to the form in which the public likes its national song presented to it, is continually altering and developing. The arrangements of early nineteenth century musicians are not so acceptable in the 20th century as they originally were. The lyrics of Moore, and even in some instances of Burns, begin to vanish from the melodies to which they were originally harnessed, to be replaced by others. In the latter case some of the poems of Burns written in the Lowland Scots language have, though beautiful in themselves, been divorced by purists from old Highland Melodies in favour of lyrics of Gaelic origin or Highland complexion.

But the good old melodies flow on, sonorous in their majesty or bewitching in their artless simplicity and charm, and, unless decay in patriotism or literary and musical taste reaches undreamed of depths of degradation, each decade will welcome successive attempts to display the old treasures in a suitable form.

Whoever misses some favourite melody from this collection must know that if it does not appear it is probably because a limit having been set to the number of songs in the volumes some lesser known melody has been inserted which in the opinion of the editors was worthy of inclusion.

The sole object of these volumes is to put into the hands of both old and young for their delectation some portion of our great national heritage of song.

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(An Old Carol.)

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(A.D. 1460.)

Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL







GABRIEL'S SALUTATION.

(AN OLD CAROL.)

Refrain.

Nowell, Nowell. This is the salutation Of the Angel Gabriel.

Carol.

Tidings true there be come new, Sent from the Trinity, By Gabriel to Nazareth, City of Galilee.

A clean maiden, a pure virgin, Through her humility
Hath conceived the person Second in Deity.

Refrain. Nowell etc:

Carol.

Tidings true there he come new
To shepherds on the hill,
Of holy mirth and peace on earth,
To all men of good will.
The glory shone on every one,
On a frosty night and chill,
For God hath sent His only Son
His purpose to fulfil.

Refrain. Nowell etc:

Carol.

Tidings true there be come to
Three kings of lineage high;
They saw the star that journeyed far
To Bethlehem draw nigh.
With gold and frankincense and myhrr,
From each his treasury,
They homage pay without denay,
And humbly kneel nearby.
If Kings of yore the Bahe adore,
Then why not thou and 1?

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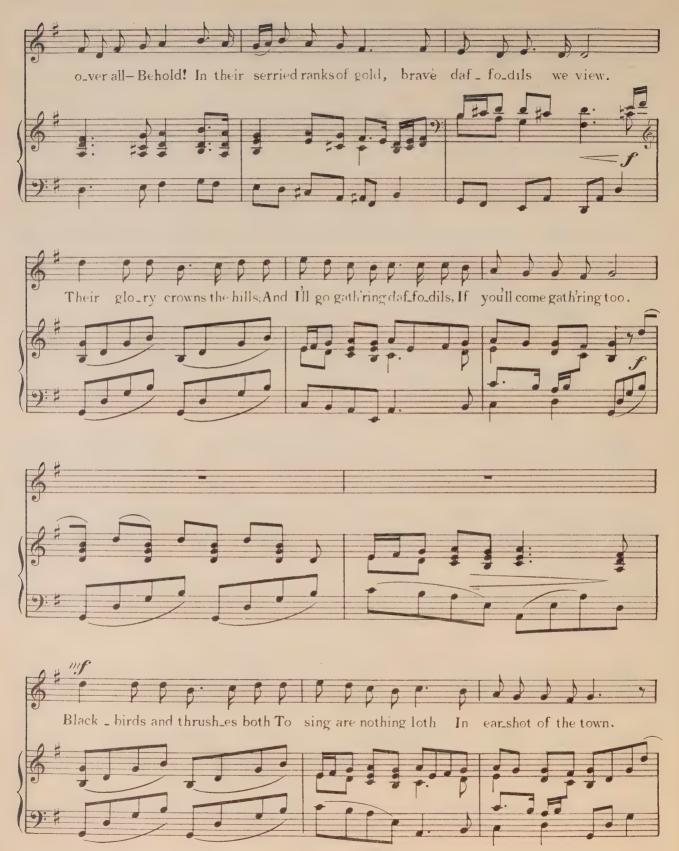
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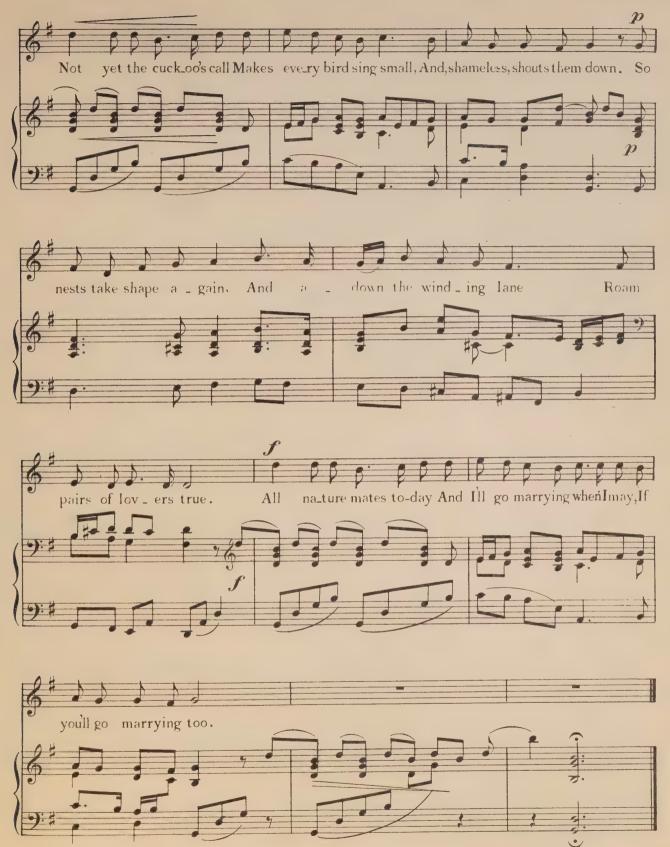
Words by HAROLD BOULTON.

17th CENTURY TUNE
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.









GATHERING DAFFODILS.

Out in the meadows gay
I love to take my way,
When March and April meet.
Though keen an east wind blows,
Pale windflower, pert primrose
Peep forth the world to greet.
But over all—Behold!
In their serried ranks of gold
Brave daffodils we view.
Their glory crowns the hills.
And I'll go gathering daffodils,
If you'll come gathering too.

Blackbirds and thrushes both
To sing are nothing loth
In earshot of the town.
Not yet the cuckoo's call
Makes every bird sing small,
And shancless, shouts them down.
So nests take shape again,
And a-down the winding lane
Roam pairs of lovers true.
All nature mates to-day,
And I'll go marrying when I may,
If you'll go marrying too.

Harold Boulton.

202 3. Barney Buntline

or

THE SAILOR'S CONSOLATION.

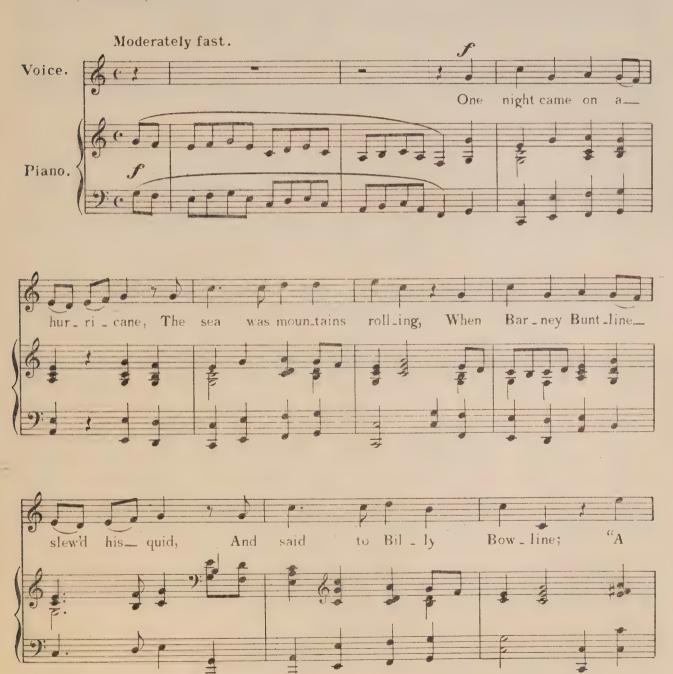
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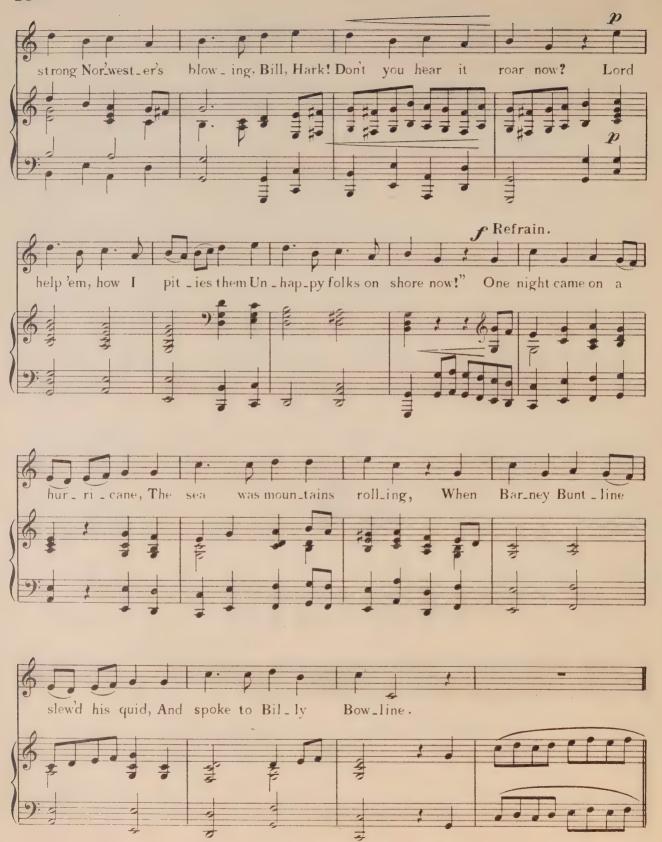
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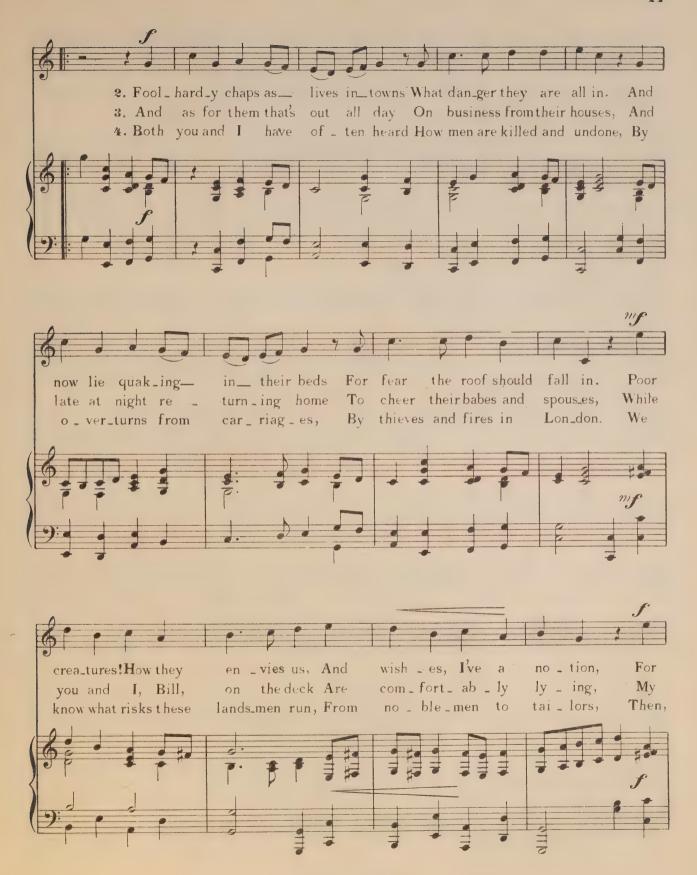
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BARNEY BUNTLINE

or

THE SAILOR'S CONSOLATION.

One night came on a hurricane,
The sea was mountains rolling;
When Barney Buntline slew'd his quid,
And said to Billy Bowline;
"A strong nor'wester's blowing, Bill.
Hark! Don't you hear it roar now?
Lord help 'en, how I pities them
Unhappy folks on shore now!"

Refrain. One night came on a hurricane,
The sea was mountains rolling,
When Barney Buntline slew'd his quid,
And spoke to Billy Bowline.

"Foolhardy chaps as lives in towns What danger they are all in! And now lie quaking in their beds For fear the roof should fall in. Poor creatures! How they envies us, And wishes, I've a notion, For our good luck in such a storm, To be upon the ocean."

Refrain: One night came on, etc:

"And as for them that's out all day
On business from their houses,
And late at night returning home
To cheer their babes and spouses,
While you and I, Bill, on the deck
Are confortably lying,
My eyes! What tiles and chimney pots.
About their heads are flying!"

Refrain: One night came on, etc:

"Both you and I have often heard How men are killed and undone By overturns from carriages, By thieves and fires in London. We know what risks these landsmen run, From noblemen to tailors, Then, Bill! Let us thank Providence, That you and I are sailors.

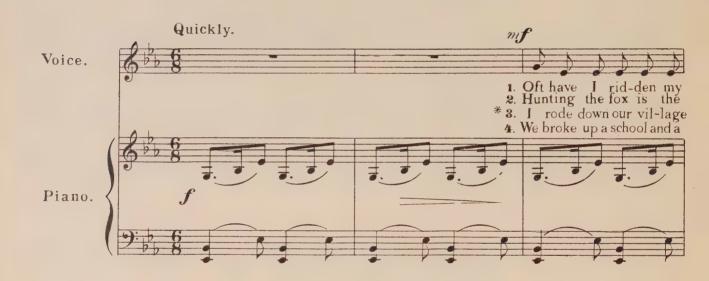
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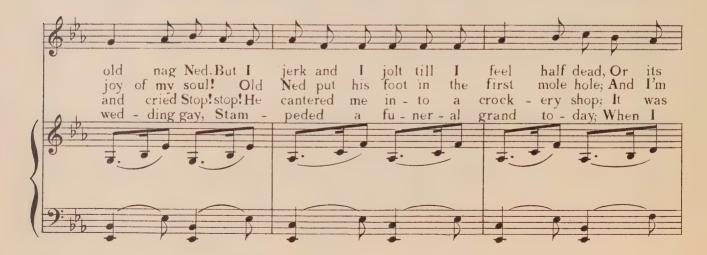
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202 1. My Old Nag Ned.

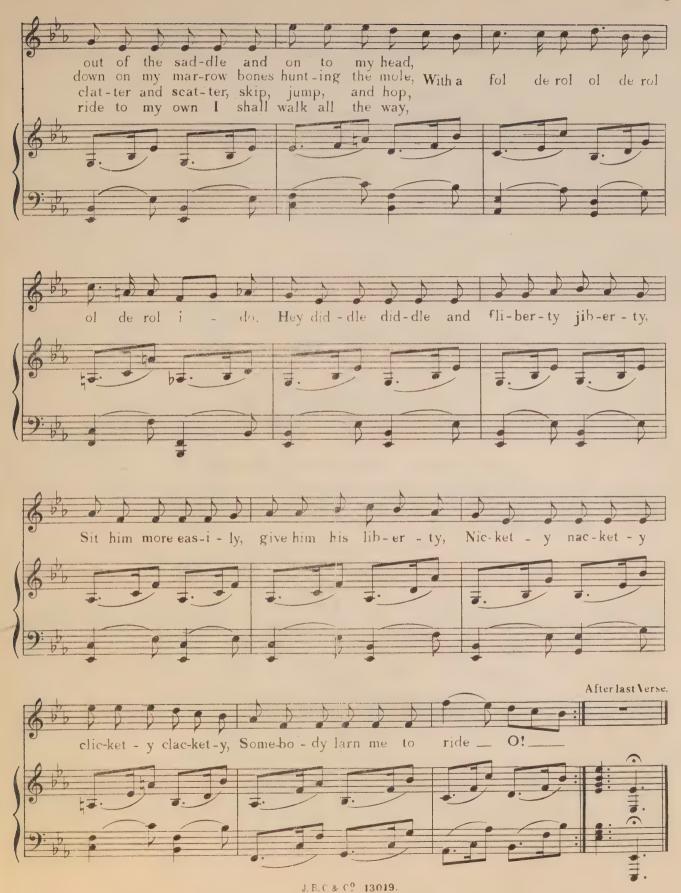
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OLD AIR
(Probably 16th Century.)
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





^{*}This Verse may be omitted if it be desired to shorten the song-



MY OLD NAG NED.

Oft have I ridden my old nag Ned, But I jerk and I jolt till I feel half dead, Or its out of the saddle and on to my head, With a fol de rol ol de rol ido.

> Hey diddle diddle and fliberty jiberty, Sit him more easily, give him more liberty, Nickety nackety clickety clackety, Somebody larn me to ride O!

Hunting the fox is the joy of my soul!
Old Ned puts his foot in the first mole, hole
I'm down on my marrow bones hunting the mole
With a fol de rol ol de rol ido.

Hey diddle diddle and fliberty jiberty, Sit him more easily, give him more liberty, Nickety nackety clickety clackety, Somebody larn me to ride O!

I rode down our village and cried Stop! stop! He cantered me into a crockery shop; It was clatter and scatter and skip, jump, and hop With a fol de rol ol de rol ido.

> Hey diddle diddle and fliberty jiberty, Sit him more easily, give him more liberty, Nickety nackety clickety clackety, Somebody larn me to ride O!

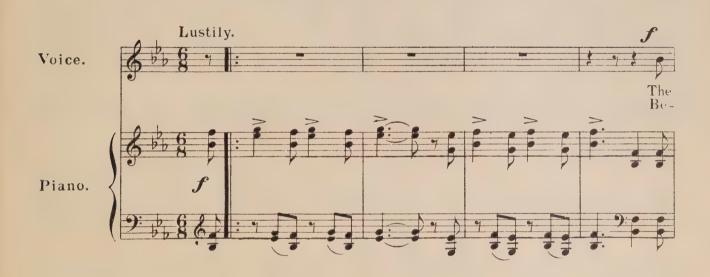
We broke up a school and a wedding gay, Stampeded a funeral grand to-day, When I ride to my own I shall walk all the way, With a fol de rol ol de rol ido.

Hey diddle diddle and fliberty jiherty, Sit him more easily, give him more liberty, Nickety nackety clickety clackety, Somebody larn me to ride O!

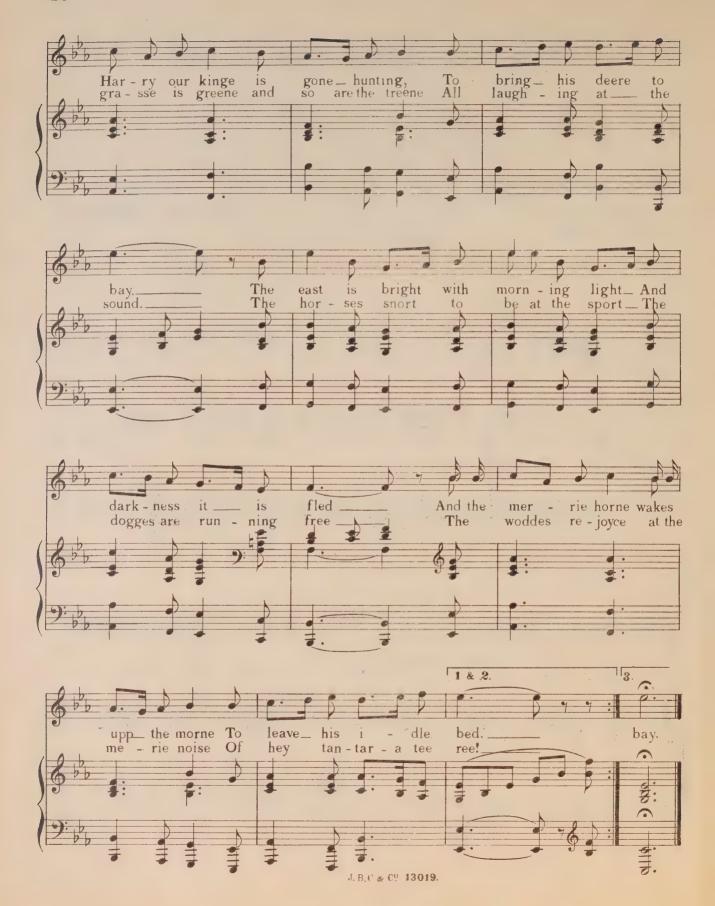
Harold Boulton.

202 5. The King's Hunt is upp!

Words by WILLIAM GRAY time of HENRY VIII. (original spelling.) Early Sixteenth Century Air.
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







THE KING'S HUNT IS UPP.

The hunt is upp, the hunt is upp,And it is well nigh day.And Harry our kinge is gone hunting;To bring his deere to bay.

The east is bright with morning light,
And darkness it is fled;
And the merie horne wakes upp the morne,
To leave his idle bed.

Beholde the skyes with golden dyes
Are glowing all around
The grasse is greene and so are the treene,
All laughing at the sound.

The horses snort to be at the sport
The dogges are running free;
The woddes rejoyce at the merie noise
Of hey tantara tee ree!

The sunne is gladde to see us cladde
All in our lustie greene
And smiles in the skye as he riseth hye
To see and to be seene.

Awake all mennelsay agen,

Be merie as you maye

For Harry our kinge is gone hunting

To bring his deere to baye.

William Gray time of Henry VIII. (original spelling.)

20° 6. Go from my Window, Go.

Song re-written round old refrain by HAROLD BOULTON.

Old 16 th Century Air arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







(J.B.C & C? 13019:)

GO_FROM MY WINDOW, GO.

Go from my window, go,
Go from my window, dear,
For a traitor you proved
To a true heart that loved,
And you cannot be lodged here.

Go from my window, go, You took a lover new; And she wears a rose Whatever way she goes While I nothing wear but rue.

Go from my window, go,
Go for a day and a year,
And then if you woo,
And I deem your heart is true,
You at last shall be lodged here.

Written round old refrain by Harold Boulton,

no note I Loved a Maiden Fair.

Old Ballad re-written by

* J. OXENFORD. (19th Century) 17th Century Air
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



^{*} From Old English Ditties (Chappell & C?) (J. B. C & C? 13019.)





(J.B.C & C? 13019.)

ONCE I LOVED A MAIDEN FAIR.

Once I loved a maiden fair,
But she did deceive me;
She with Venus might compare
In my mind, believe me:
She was young and among
All our maids the sweetest;
Now I say, "Ah well-a-day!
Brightest hopes are fleetest."

I the wedding ring had got,
Wedding clothes provided,
Sure the Church would bind a knot
Ne'er to be divided.
Married we straight must be,
She her vows had plighted;
Vows, alas! As frail as glass:
All my hopes are blighted.

Maidens wav'ring and untrue
Many a heart have broken;
Sweetest lips the world e'er knew
Falsest words have spoken.
Fare thee well, faithless girl,
I'll not sorrow for thee;
Once I held thee dear as pearl,
Now I do abhor thee!

Old ballad re-written by
J. Oxenford. (19th Century)
from Old English ditties. (Chappell & C?)

202 8. Sir Eglamore.

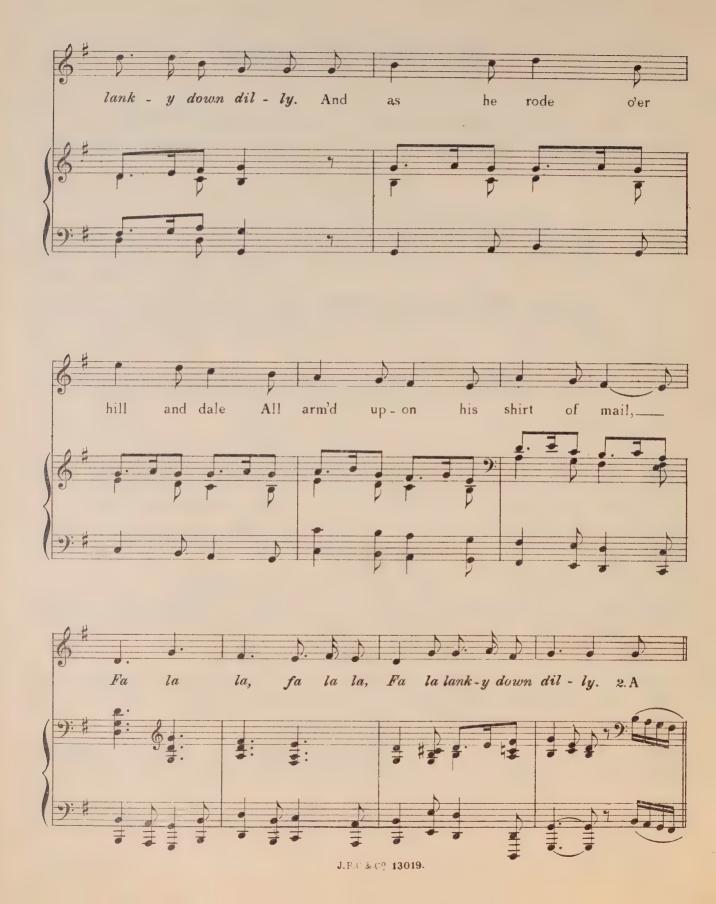
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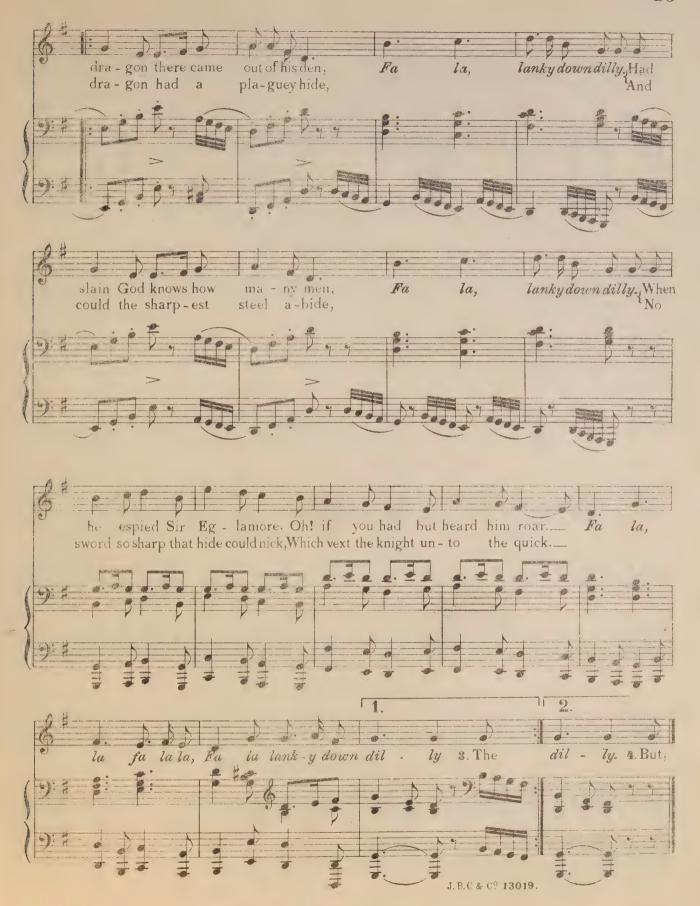
Adapted by HAROLD BOULTON.

16th CENTURY AIR.

Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.









SIR EGLAMORE.

Sir Eglamore, that valiant knight,

Fa, la, lanky down dilly.

He took his sword and he went to fight,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

And as he rode o'er hill and dale.

All armed upon his shirt of mail,

Fa la, la fa, la la,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

A Dragon there came out of his den,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

Had slain, God knows how many men,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

When he espied Sir Eglamore,

Fa la lanky down dilly

Oh! If you had but heard him roar,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

The Dragon had a plaguey hide,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

And could the sharpest steel abide.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

No sword so sharp that hide could nick,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

Which vexed the knight unto the quick.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

But as in choler he did burn,

Fa la, lanky down dilly

He watched the Dragon a good turn.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

And as a yawning he did fall.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

He thrust the sword in, hilt and all.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

Now God preserve our King and Queen;

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

And eke in London may be seen

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

As many knights and as many more,

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

And all as good as Sir Eglamore.

Fa la, lanky down dilly.

Words from old Ballad adapted by Harold Boulton.

20: 9. Can ye sew cushions?

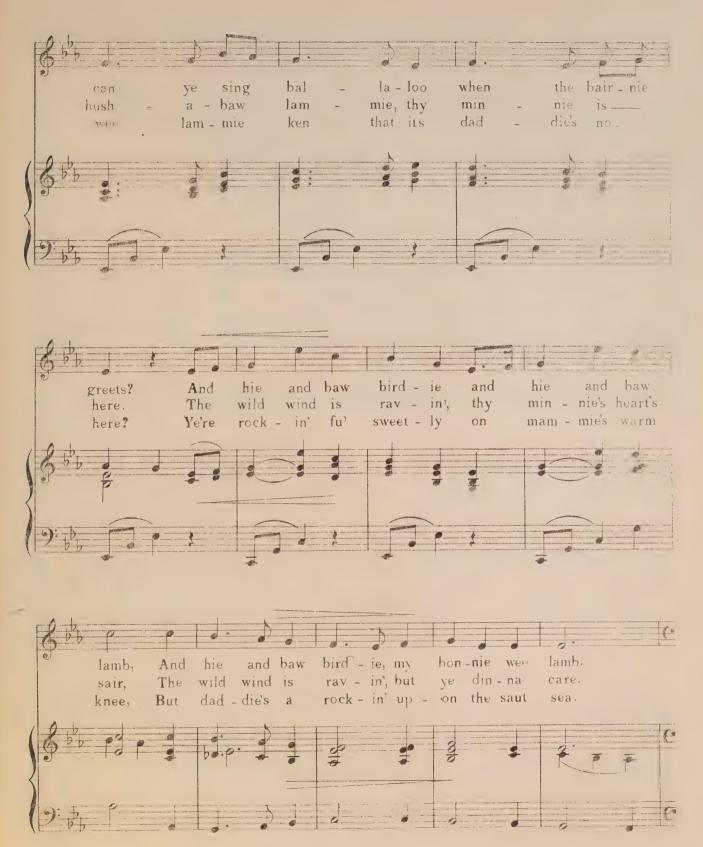
Old Scots Song.

TRADITIONAL MELODY.
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





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O CAN YE SEW CUSIIIONS?

O can ye sew cushions
And can ye sew sheets,
And can ye sing ballaloo
When the bairnie greets?
And hie and baw birdie,
And hie and baw lamb,
And hie and baw birdie,
My bonnie wee lamb!

Heigh O! heugh O! what'll I do wi' ye?
Black's the life that I lead wi' ye,
Mony o' ye, little to gie ye.
Heigh O! heugh O! what'll I do wi' ye?

Now hush-a-baw lammie.
And hush-a-baw dear,
Now hush-a-baw lammie,
Thy minnie is here.
The wild wind is ravin',
Thy minnie's heart's sair,
The wild wind is ravin',
And ye dinna care.
Heigh O! heugh O! etc.

Sing ballaloo, lammie,
Sing ballaloo, dear,
Does wee lammie ken
That its daddie's no here?
Ye're rockin' fu' sweetly
On mammie's warm knee,
But daddie's a rockin'
Upon the saut sea.
Heigh O! heugh O! etc.

Old Scots Song.

202 10. Lochaber No More.

LOCHABAR NI'S MÒ.

OLD HIGHLAND AIR. Words by Arranged by ALLAN RAMSAY.

1686-1758.

Gaelic Translation by
NEIL SHAW. ARTHUR SOMERVELL. Quietly but not slowly. Voice. Fare - well to Loch - a - ber, fare - well slàn le Loch - a - bar, Ο, mo Where heart - some win thee I ha'e days been mo - ny riut 's mi ghaol, 'S foma là bha mi mair so - na ri d' thaobh; Tha Loch-'We'll may-be re-turn - a-ber no more, Loch - a - ber no more, to Loch-- a - bar tuireadh: Loch - a - bar Ma's bron. dan chaoidh chan fhaic sinn Loch-

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LOCHABER NO MORE.

Farewell to Lochaber, farewell to my Jean, Where heartsome wi'thee I ha'e mony days been, For Lochaber no more, Lochaber no more, We'll may-be return to Lochaber no more. These tears that I shed they are a' for my dear, And no for the dangers attending on weir. Tho' borne on rough seas to a far distant shore, May-be to return to Lochaber no more.

They'll ne'er make a tempest like that in my mind;
They'll ne'er make a tempest like that in my mind;
Tho' loudest of thunders on louder waves roar,
There's naething like leaving my love on the shore.
To leave thee behind me, my heart is sair pain'd;
But by ease that's inglorious no fame can be gain'd;
And beauty and love's the reward of the brave:
And I maun deserve it before I can crave.

The glory, my Jeanie, maun plead my excuse, Since honour commands me, how can I refuse? Without it, I ne'er can have merit for thee, And losing thy favour, I'd better not be. I gae, then, my lass, to win honour and fame, And if I should chance to come glorious hame, I'll bring a heart to thee with love running o'er, And then I'll leave thee and Lochaber no more.

Allan Ramsay. 1686-1758.

LOCHABAR NI'S MÒ.

O, slàn le Lochabar, O, slàn le mo ghaol,
'S ioma là bha mi mair riut 's mi sona ri d'thaobh;
Tha Lochabar a' tuireadh: Lochabar ri bròn.
Ma's dàn chaoidh chan fhaic sinn Lochabar ri 'r bèo.
Na deòir so a shil mi bha iad air do sgàth,
'S cha b'ann air son gàbhaidhean mutaid no dàin.
Ged shiubhlaim, null fada air bhàrr nan tonn mòr
Is dòcha nach till mi Lochabar ri m' bheò.

Ged bheucas a' ghaillionn 'sa shèideas a' ghaoith Chan éirich iad doineann mar tha nis 'gam chlaoidh; Fuaim na tàirnich as cruaidhe, fuaim onfhadh thonn-bòc, Cha choimeas ri m'airsneul 'gad fhàgail air bòrd. Gad fhàgail sa leannain is cruaidh leam an càs Ach 's inbhe-neo chliùiteach a mhealar gun spàirn. 'Se gaol agus sgiamhachd is duais do fhear còrr, 'S mur bi mi air airidh chan fharraid mi chòir.

NEIL SHAW.

'S e ghlòir sin, mo chailin, tha 'gam thabhairt-sa uait,
Tha onair 'g am agairt,'s chan aich' aidh mi uair;
Oir as eugmhais chan airidh mi air gealladh mo luaidh
'S mur dean mi do thàladh gur fearr dhomh an uaigh.
Gun téid mi, a ghràidh, an tòir onair is cliù,
'S ma thilleas mi slàn 'se'n dàn gu meal mi mo dhùil,
Bidh mo chridhe-sa làn sunnd is mi, rùin, tighinn 'nad chòir,
'S chan fhàg mi 's mo nhuirneag Lochabar rir heò.

Gaelic translation by

202 11. Afton Water.

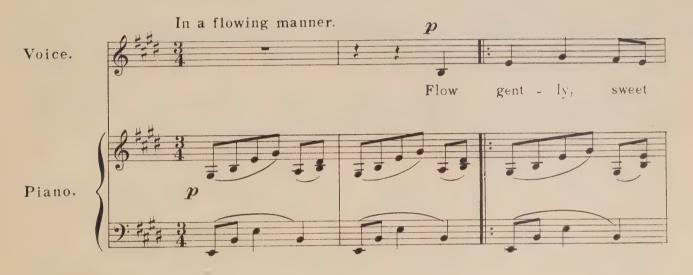
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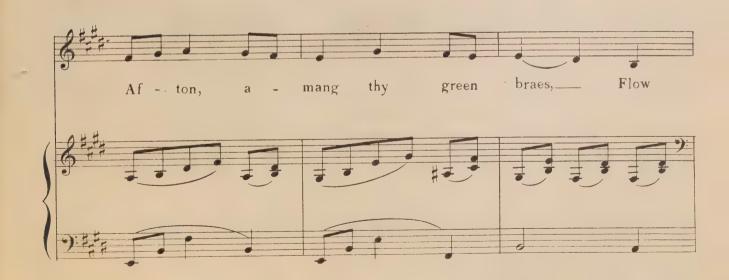
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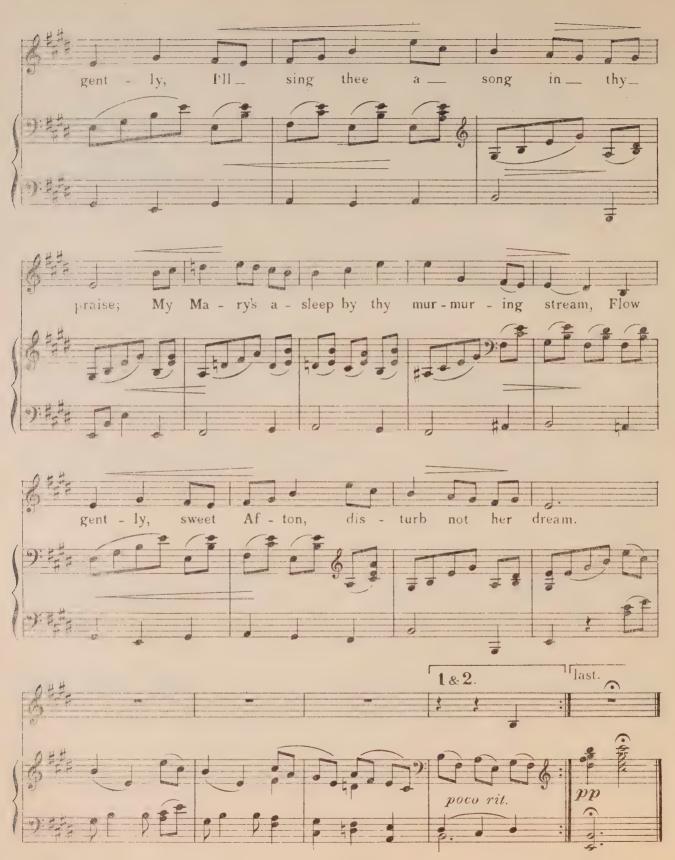
(Verses may be selected for singing)

Melody by A. HUME. 1811–1856. Arranged by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







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AFTON WATER.

Flow gently, sweet Afton, amang thy green braes, Flow gently, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.

Thou stock-dove whose echo resounds through the glen, Ye wild whist'ling blackbirds in you thorny den, Thou green-crested lapwing, thy screaming forbear, I charge you disturb not my slumbering fair.

How lofty, sweet Afton, thy neighbouring hills,
Far-marked with the courses of clear winding rills;
There daily I wander, as morn rises high,
My flocks and my Mary's sweet cot in my eye.

How pleasant thy banks and green valleys below, When wild in the woodlands the primroses blow! There oft as mild even creeps over the lea, The sweet-scented birk shades my Mary and me.

Thy crystal stream, Afton, how lovely it glides,
And winds by the cot where my Mary resides!
How wanton thy waters her snowy feet lave,
As gathering sweet flow'rets she stems thy clear wave!

Flow gently, sweet Afton, amang thy green braes Flow gently, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.

Robert Burns. 1759-1796.

22 12. Glenfinnan.

GLEANN FHIONGHAINN.

Words by
HAROLD BOULTON.
Gaelic translation by
NEIL SHAW.

Highland Air received orally by Mrs Cameron Head of Inversilort from her father, Duncan Cameron of Inversilort (died 1874.)

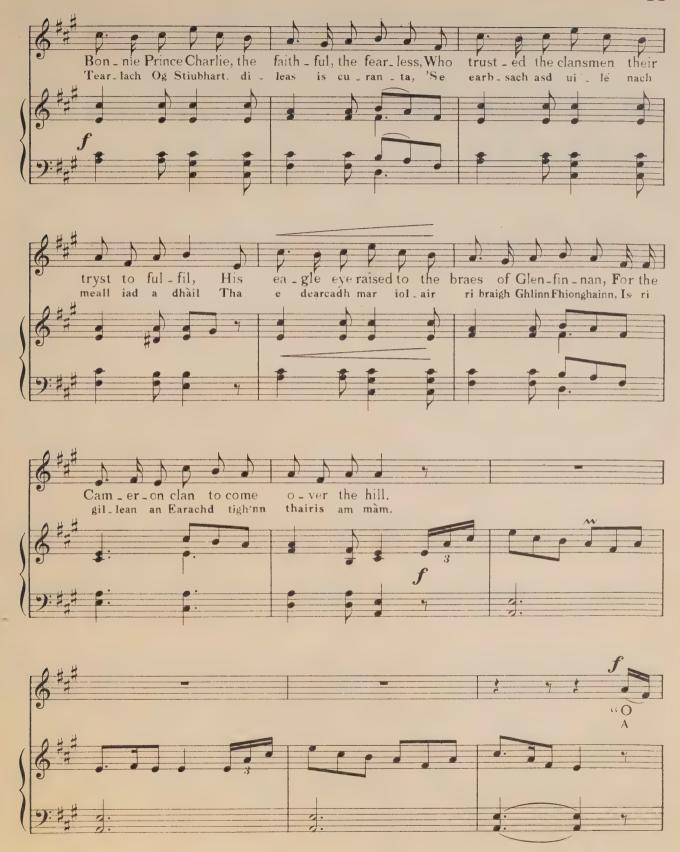
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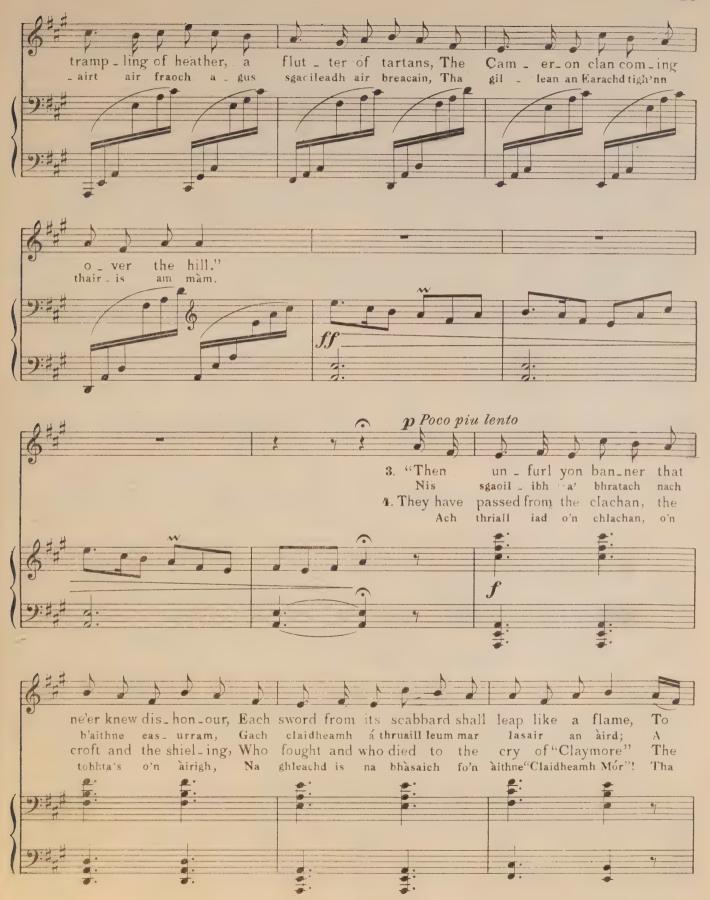


The statue of Prince Charles Edward Stuart stands looking up Glenfinnan, as he himself stood on August 19th, 1745, waiting for Lochiel and his Camerons, whose adhesion determined the successful inception of the Prince's heroic enterprise. The royal banner was unfurled on the arrival of the Camerons by that Duke of Atholl who had been attainted for his share in the previous rising of [1118].





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GLENFINNAN.

By lonely Loch Shiel, in the heart of the Highlands, A King's son was watching and waiting all day; While stretched on the rocks and the bracken around him,

His handful of true-mettled Hielandmen lay.

'Twas Bonnie Prince Charlie, the faithful, the fearless.

Who trusted the clansmen their tryst to fulfil,

His eagle eye raised to the braes of Glenfinnan

For the Cameron clan to come over the hill.

"O comrades undaunted, I bid ye cease doubting, Good Atholl and Morar and loyal men all. I swear on my sword by my own royal word That Lochiel and his men will be true to my call. I hear like a storm rushing over the ocean The pibroch of Donald Dhu booming and shrill? There's a trampling of heather, a flutter of tartans, The Cameron clan coming over the hill."

"Then unfurl yon banner that ne'er knew dishonour,
Each sword from its scabbard shall leap like a flame,
To fight the good fight that our sires fought before us,
For Scotland and England and freedom and fame.
As the deerhound unleashed closes in on the quarry,
As the stream in full spate flows the valley to fill,
Ye shall rush on resistless to fight for Prince Charlie,
With the Cameron clan coming over the hill."

They have passed from the clachan, the croft and the shieling,

Who fought and who died to the cry of "Claymore," The pibroch sounds rare in Locheil and Lochaber, And sheep browse in silence by corrie and scaur. There is gloom over mountain and moorland and meadow, The mist on Loch Shiel gathers cerie and chill; But the wraith of Prince Charlie still looks up Glenfinnan For the Cameron clan to come over the hill.

HAROLD BOULTON.

(The statue of Prince Charles Edward Stuart stands looking up Glenfinnan, as he himself stood on August 19th, 1745, waiting for Lochiel and his Camerons, whose adhesion determined the successful inception of the Prince's heroic enterprise. The royal banner was unfurked on the arrival of the Camerons by that Duke of Atholt who had been attainted for his share in the previous rising of 1715.)

GLEANN FHIONGHAINN.

An taice Loch Seile an achlais nam fuar-bheann
Tha mac righ a' faire 'sa feitheamh an là,
Is sìnt' measg nan creag 's air an rainich mu'n cuairt air
Tha còmhlan beag ghillean nach tiomaich roimh chàs.
B' e Tearlach Og Stiubhart—dìleas is curanta,
"'S e earbsach asd uile nach meall iad a dhàil;
Tha e dearcadh mar iolair ri bràighe Ghlinn Fhionghainn
'S ri gillean an Earachd tighinn thairis am màm.

A chinn-fheadhna neo-sgàthach, na bithibh-sa teagmhach,

Dheadh Adhoil is Mhòrair 's fher dìleas mo ghràidh. Mo bhóid air mo chlaidheamh 's air m' fhaca! tha rioghail,

Bidh Loch-iall 'sa chuid threun-fhear dhomh dìleas gu bràth.

Tha mi cluinntinn mar ghaillionn dol thairis air mòrchuan

Piobaireachd Dhomhnuill Duibh gu tartarach àrd; Tha saltairt air fraoch agus sgaoileadh air breacain— Tha gillean an Earachd tighinn thairis am màm. Nis sgaoilibh a' bhratach nach b'aithne easurram
Gach claidheamh á thruaill ieum mar lasair an àird;
A ghleachd mar is dual le cruadal 'ur n-athraichean,
Air son Alba is Shasuinn—saors' agus àgh.
Mar mhiol-chu bhàrr lothain an tòir air an fhaghaid,
Mar allt ann am bras-thuil cur srathan air snàmh:
Bheir sibh ionnsaigh gun bhacadh a ghleachd air son
Thearlaich

Is gillean an Earachd tighinn thairis am màm.

Ach thriall iad o'n chlachan, o'n tobhta 's o'n àirigh Na ghleachd is na bhàsaich fo'n aithne "Claidheamh Mór"!

Tha sgal na piob' tearc an Loch-iall 'san Lochabar,
'S tha 'n fheudail gu sàmhach an coire 's an sgòrr.
Tha gruaman air beannaibh, air sliabh is air machair,
Tha ceo mu Loch Seile mar thannasg a' snàmh;
Ach tha manadh a' Phrionns' coimhead null air
Gleann Fhionghainn

'S ri gillean an Earachd tighinn thairis am màm.

Gaelic translation by NEIL SHAW.

202 13. From The Lone Sheiling.

BHO'N AIRIGH UAIGNICH.

Professor JOHN WILSON ("Christopher North")
1785-1854.
Gaelic Translation by
NEIL SHAW.

Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



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Fair those broad meads-those hoary woods are grand,

But we are exiles from our father's land.

Listen to me as when ye heard our father

Sing long ago the song of other shores-

Listen to me, and then in chorus gather

All your deep voices as ye pull your oars.

Fair those broad meads-those hoary woods are grand, But we are exiles from our father's land.

2.

From the lone shieling of the misty island

Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas-

Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,

And we in dreams behold the Hebrides.

Fair those broad meads - those hoary woods are grand,

But we are exiles from our father's land.

3.

We ne'er shall tread the fancy-haunted vailey,

Where tween the dark hill creeps the small clear stream:

In arms around the patriarch banner rally.

Nor see the moon on royal tombstones gleam.

Fair those broad meads-those heavy woods are grand,

But we are exiles from our father's land.

14

When the bold kindred in the time long vanished

Conquered the soil and fortified the keen-

No seer foretold the children would be banished

That a degenerate Lord might boast his sheep:

Fair those broad meads-those heavy woods are grand.

But we are exiles from our father's land.

5.

Come foreign rage- let Discord burst in slaughter

O then for clansmen true, and stern claymore!

The hearts that would have given their blood like water

Beat heavily beyond the Atlantic roar:

Fair those broad meads-those hoary woods are grand.

But we are exiled from our father's land.

Cha triall a chaoidh sinn troimh shith-ghleannan uaigneach

S chan fhaic sinn leus gealaich air réilig nan righ.

Ged's caoin am machair, aluinn coill nan geug-

Tha sinn air faoirdraidh thar dùthaich féin.

'N uair thug athraichean treun's na linn chaidh seachad

Buaidh air an fhearann sa dhaingnich iad Tuir.

Chum bosd bhi air triath mu chaoraich air stùc.

Tha sinn air faondraidh thar dùthaich fein.

Ged 's caoin am machair, aluinn coill nan geug-

Charobh fiosaich thug sgeul air bàirlinn ghineil

'S alltan an fhuarain troimh 'n choire ruith sios.

Mu bhratach cinn-feadhna cha deanar leinn tionail

Dr Wilson ("Christopher North")

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AN AIRIGH UAIGNEACH.

Ged 's caoin am machair, aluinn coill nan geug-

Tha sinn air faondradh bhar dùthaich féin.

Eisdibh is cluinnibh mar chuala sibh roimhe

An dàn aig'ur n-athair mu thràighean céin,

Eisdibh is cluinnibh is togaibh fonn iorraim

Ri farum ramh-bhuillean a'siubhal gu réidh.

Ged's caoin am machair, aluinn coill nan geug-

Tha sinn air faondraidh bhar dùthaich féin.

Bho àirigh ghlinn uaignich an innis a'cheò

Tha beanntan 'gar sgaradh is mòr-chuan 'gar roinn.

Ach 's daimheil an cridhe 's fuil Ghaidhealach ann sileadh

'S an aisling na h-oidhch 'bidh roinn Innse Gall.

Ged's caon am machair aluinn coill nan geug-

Tha sinn air faondraidh bhar dùthaich féin.

Thigeadh cruaidh-chas agus buaradh measg chinneadh

Bidh gairm air son ghillean gu iomain nan lann,

ladsan nach tiomaich fuil chraothach a shileadh

A' fasgadh an cridhe thar linneachan thall.

Ged's caoin am machair, aluinn coill nan geug-

Tha sinn air faondraidh thar dùthaich féin.

Gaetic Translation by NEIL SHAW.

202 14. At the Mid Hour of Night.

Words by THOMAS MOORE. 1779-1852.

Old Irish Melody.

Arranged by

ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





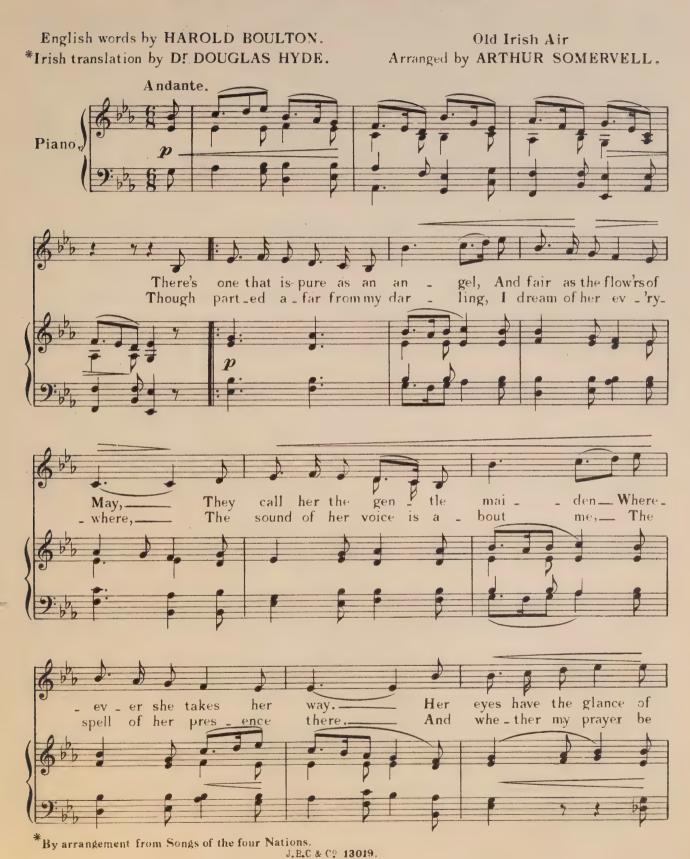
AT THE MID HOUR OF NIGHT.

At the mid hour of night when stars are weeping, I fly
To the lone vale we lov'd when life shone warm in thine eye;
And I think oft, if spirits can steal from the regions of air
To revisit past scenes of delight, thou wilt come to me there,
And tell me our love is remember'd, e'en in the sky.

Then I sing the wild song 'twas once such pleasure to hear, When our voices commingling breath'd like one on the ear; And as echo far off through the vale my sad orison rolls, I think, O my love, 'tis thy voice from the Kingdom of Souls, Faintly answering still the notes that once were so dear.

Thomas Moore.
1779 - 1852.

202 15. The Gentle Maiden.





THE GENTLE MAIDEN.

There's one that is pure as an angel,
And fair as the flowers of May,
They call her the gentle maiden
Wherever she takes her way.
Her eyes have the glance of sunlight,
As it brightens the blue sea wave,
And more than the deep sea treasure,
The love of her heart I crave.

Though parted afar from my darling,
I dream of her everywhere,
The sound of her voice is about me,
The spell of her presence there.
And whether my prayer be granted,
Or whether she pass me by.
The face of that gentle maiden
Will follow me till I die.

Harold Boulton.

AN MHAIGHDEAN CHAOIN.

Tà maighdean ann, dìleas mar aingeall, Chomb sàimh leis anm Bealtaine Buidhe; Air a d-tugaid "caoimh-inghean" mar ainm, Is múinte 's is maiseamhail i. Tá a súile mar taithneamh na gríine Ag lasadh le sgéimh ar an tonn, Agus h-feárr liom a grádh agam féin Ná an méad tá i d-Tir na long.

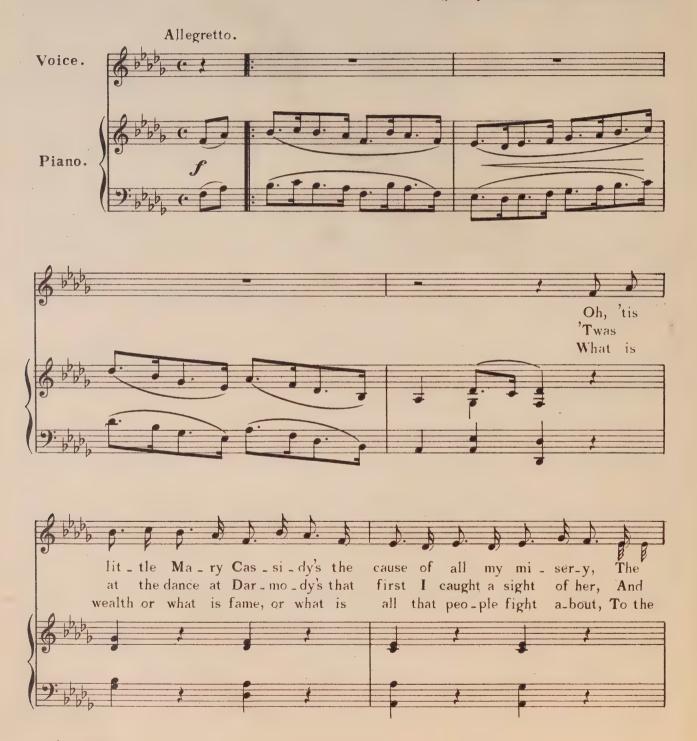
Cidh sgartha óm stóirin atá mé,
Dar liom-sa 's im' láthair i',
Im' chluais a guth luthgháireach,
Agus a draoidheacht a gáire i m' chroidhe.
Má 's diúltadhcruaidh tá'n dán dam
No truagh, no ciabed nidh.
Ni sgarfaidh a searc go bráth liom
'S nf chlaoidhfidh an Bás fein i.

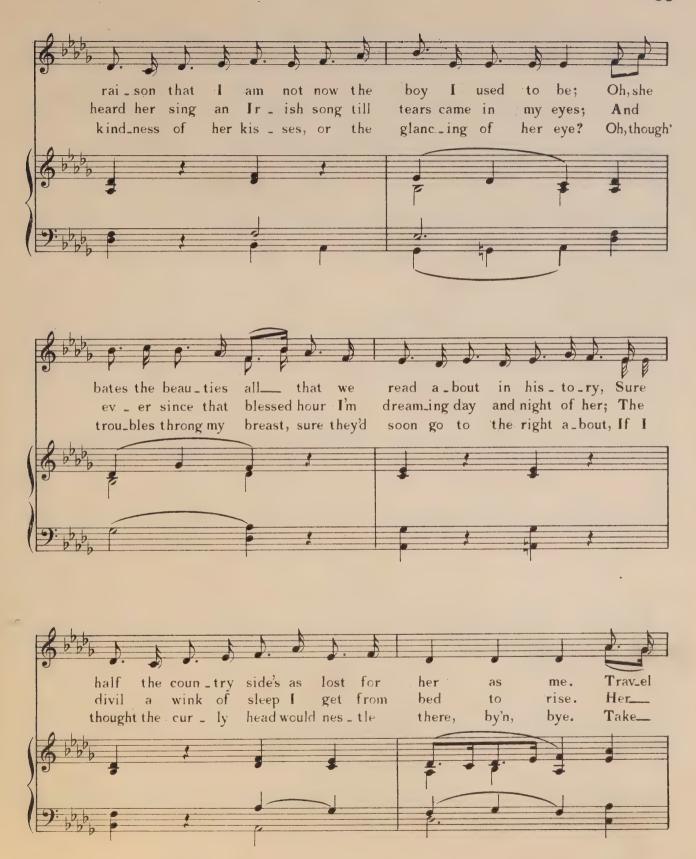
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20216. Little Mary Cassidy.

Words by F. A. FAHY.

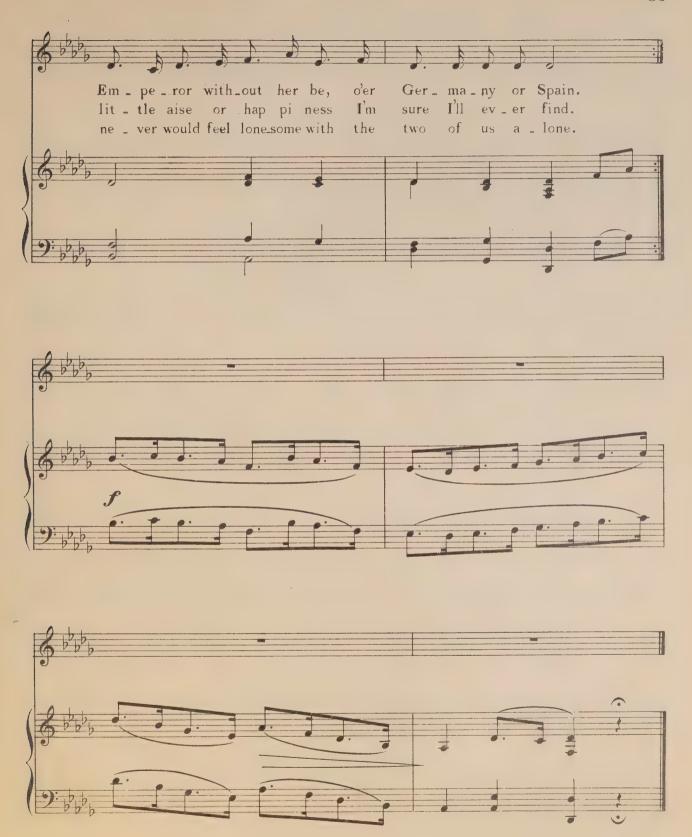
Old Irish Air
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







^{*} Pronounced "colleen dhown" Angl." brown-haired girl."



LITTLE MARY CASSIDY.

Oh, tis little Mary Cassidy's the cause of all my misery,
The raison that I am not now the boy I used to be:
Oh, she bates the beauties all that we read about in history,
Sure half the country-side's as lost for her as me.

Travel Ireland up and down—hill, village, vale and town—Girl like my "cailin donn" ** you'll be looking for in vain; Oh, I'd rather live in poverty with little Mary Cassidy
Than Emperor, without her be, o'er Germany or Spain.

'Twas at the dance at Darmody's that first I caught a sight of her,
And heard her sing an Irish song, till tears came in my eyes;
And ever since that blessed hour I'm dreaming day and night of her;
The divil a wink of sleep I get from bed to rise.

Her cheek the rose in June, her song the lark in tune,
Working, resting, night or noon, she never laves my mind;
Oh, till singing by my cabin fire sits little Mary Cassidy,
Tis little aise or happiness I'm sure I'll ever find.

What is wealth, or what is fame, or what is all that people fight about

To the kindness of her kisses or the glancing of her eye?

Oh, though troubles throng my breast, sure they'd soon go to the right-about,

If I thought the curly hair would nestle there, by'n'bye.

Take all I own to-day - kith, kin, and care away,

Ship them all across the say, or to the frozen zone,

Lave me here an orphan bare - but O lave me Mary Cassidy,

I never would feel lonesome with two of us alone.

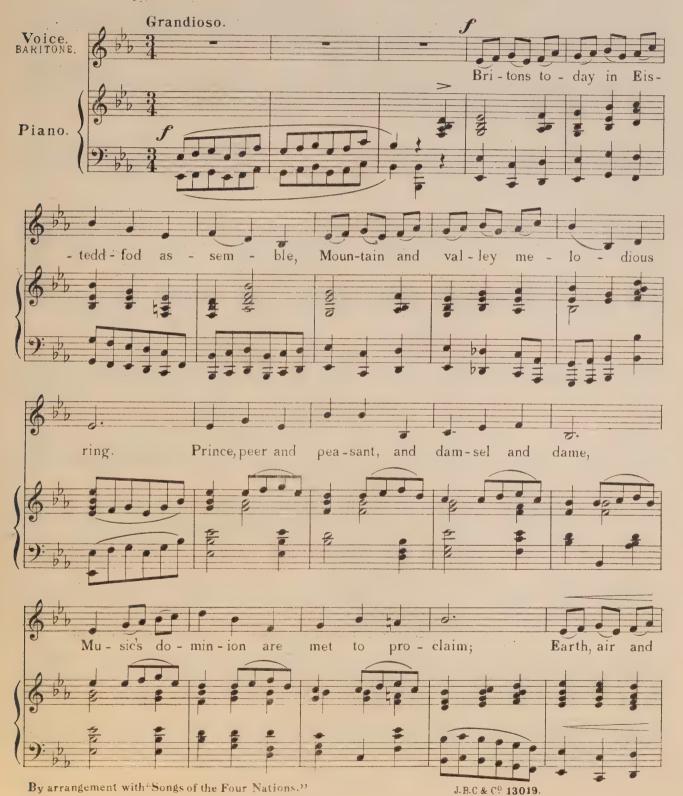
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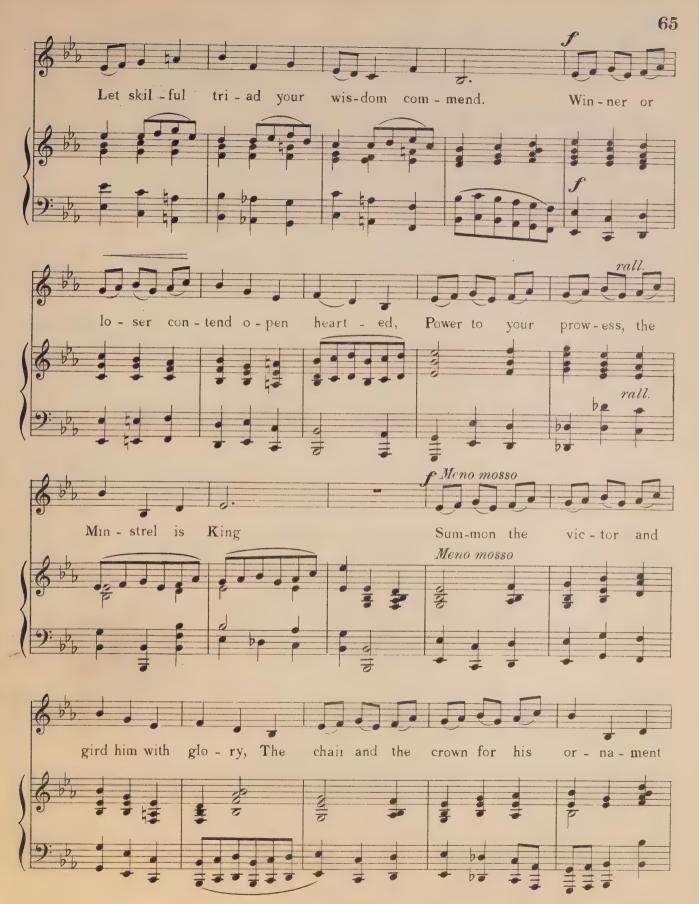
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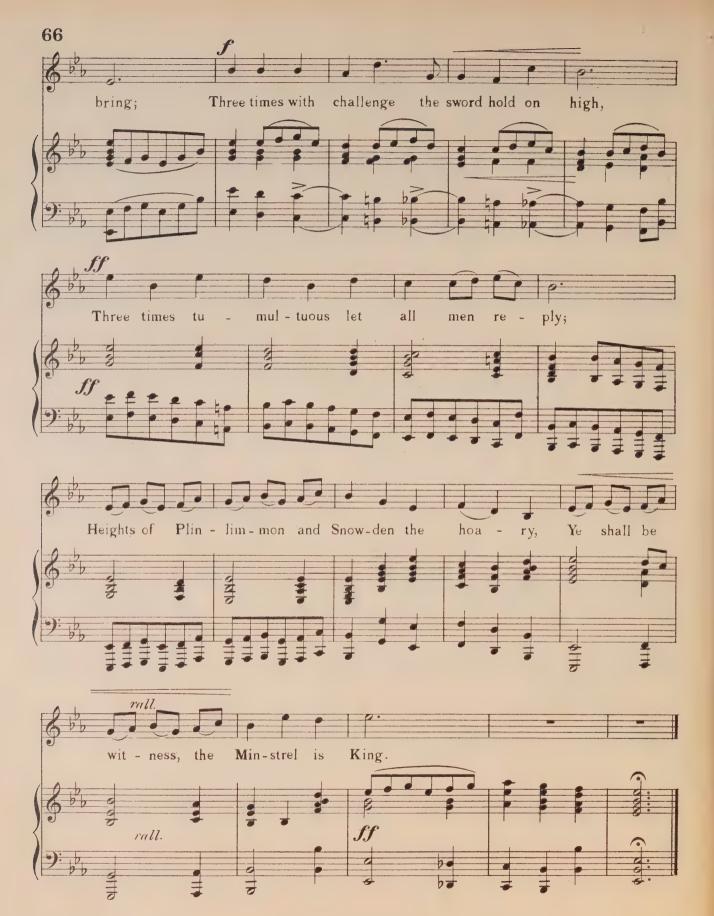
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Old Welsh Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.









THE OPENING OF THE KEY.

Britons to-day in Eisteddfod assemble,
Mountain and valley melodious ring;
Prince, peer and peasant, and damsel and dame
Music's dominion are met to proclaim,
Earth, air and sea, with their symphony tremble,
Heaven's arches answer "The Minstrel is King."

Let loves and battles of Cymry departed,

Flash, bards inspired, like a flame from your string;

Let voice and harp in Pennillion blend,

Let skilful triad your wisdom commend.

Winner or loser contend open-hearted,

Power to your prowess, the Minstrel is King.

Summon the victor, and gird him with glory,

The chair and the crown for his ornament bring;

Three times with challenge the sword hold on high,

Three times tumultuous let all men reply:

Heights of Plinlimmon, and Snowdon the hoary,

Ye shall be witness, the Minstrel is King.

Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

AGORIAD Y CYWAIR.

Dyma brif-wyl gwlad ein tadau, Gwlad a chrud yr Eisteddfodau; Gwlad y Bardd a'i hoff ddefodau, Gwyliau hên ein Gwalia Wen. Gwreng a boneddwr sydd yma'n gytún, Awen fawrygir a'i pherchen yr un. Enill "Cadair" yr Eisteddfod! Dyna gamp a dyna brif-nod Ddenodd feirdd pob oes a chyfnod; Tystia'r oll, "Y Bardd sy'n Ben."

Cana'r beirdd am ddewrion Cymru,
An wladgarwch a gwrhydri,
Ac am ereill fu'n rhagori,
Meibion hoff i gân a llên.
"Deuwch a'r 'Gadair' i'r gŵr bia'r dydd,
Deuwch a'r 'Gadair' i'r gŵr bia'r dydd,
'A oes heddwch?"clywch y geiriau;
"Heddwch," etyb myrdd o leisiau,
Adsain ddaw yn ol o'r creigiau,
Tystia'r oll, "Y Bardd sy'n Ben."

G. M. PROBERT.

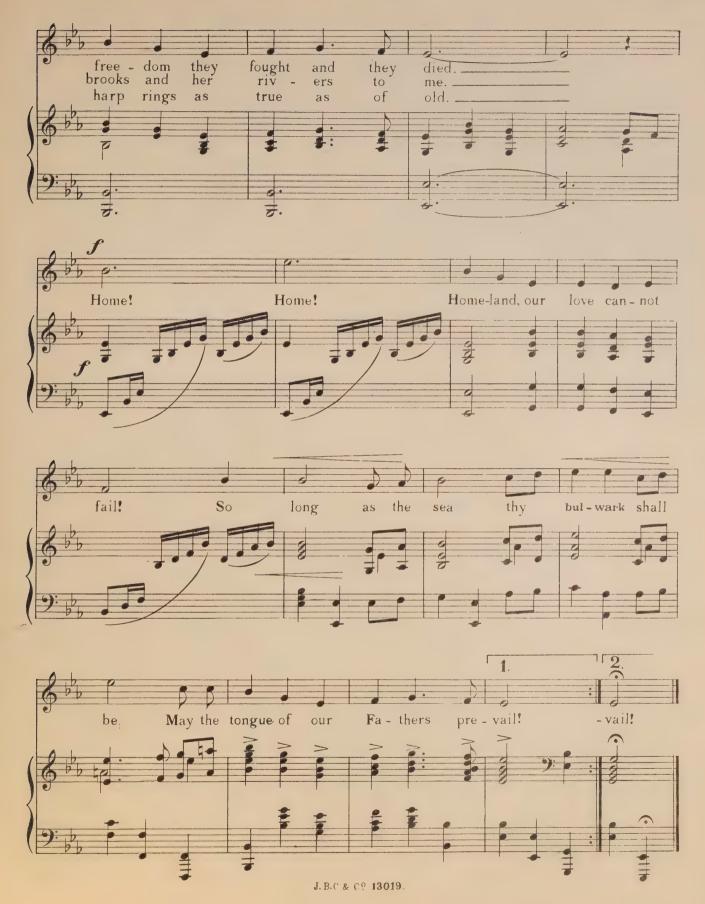
202 18. The Land of my Fathers.

(HEN WLAD FY NHADAU.)

Welsh Words by
EVAN JAMES. 1856.
English Translation by HAROLD BOULTON.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

Welsh Melody by James James. 1856. Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





THE LAND OF MY FATHERS. (HEN WLAD FY NHADAU.)

(Translated from the Welsh.)

The land of my Fathers I love above all,
Whose glories famed harpers and singers recall,
And warriors heroic, her pleasure and pride;
For freedom they fought and they died.

Home! Home! Homeland, our love cannot fail!
So long as the sea thy bulwark shall be
May the tongue of our Fathers prevail!

Old Wales and her hills are the Bard's paradise,
Her valleys and crags are a joy to his eyes.
How sweet, for I love them, the whisper can be
Of her brooks and her rivers to me.
Home! Home! Homeland, our love cannot fail!
So long as the sea thy butwark shall be
May the tongue of our Fathers prevail!

Though long 'neath the foot of the foeman we lay,
The tongue of the Cymry is deathless to-day,
Our Muse sings as ever untrammeled and bold,
Our harp rings as true as of old.

Home! Home! Homeland, our love cannot fail!
So long as the sea thy bulwark shall be
May the tongue of our Fathers prevail!

Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

HEN WLAD FY NHADAU.

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi, Gwlad beirdd a chantorion enwogion o fri; Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mad, Dros ryddid gollasant eu gwaed.

> Gwlad! Gwlad! Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad. Tra'r mor yn fur i'r bur hoff bau, O! bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

Hen Gymru fynyddig, paradwys y bardd,
Pob dyffryn, pob clogwyn i'm golwg sydd hardd;
Trwy deimiad gwladgarol mor swynol yw si
Ei nentydd, afonydd i mi.
Gwlad! Gwlad! Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.
Tra'r mor yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,

O! bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

Os treisiodd y gelyn fy ngwlad dan ei droed,
Mae hen iaith y Cymry mor fyw ag erioed;
Ni luddiwyd yr Awen gan erchyll faw brad,
Na thelyn berseiniol fy ngwlad.
Gwlad! Gwlad! Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.
Tra'r mor yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O! bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

EVAN JAMES. 1856.

202 19. The Rising of the Lark.

Welsh Words by
JOHN CEIRIOG HUGHES (1832-87.)
English Translation by HAROLD BOULTON.
(Brydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

Welsh Melody Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





THE RISING OF THE LARK. (CODIAD YR HEDYDD.)

(Translated from the Welsh.)

Hark, hark, in morning praise
The songster trills his liquid lays,
From Paradise they flow.
Like little drops of song
That to some heavenly host belong,
At dawn escaped below.
Mute the meadow breezes blow,
The heather tufts stir quietly,
Listening rivers ripple low
Among the rushes hiding by.
What charm celestial lilts bestow
On poor mortality!

Rise, rise, O lark arise
On pinion brown to climb the skies,
Climb higher, higher still.
Sing, sing, thy dear refrain,
Borne up to join that blissful train
Beyond all human ill.
As thy notes ethereal
We worldlings hear in ecstasy,
Yearning thoughts our hearts enthral;
Oh! Would that we aloft might be
In that bright land where God doth call,
O happy bird, to thee.

Harold Boulton.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

CODIAD YR HEDYDD.

Clywch, clywch foreuol glod,
O fwyned yw'r defnynnau'n dod
O wynfa lân i lawr.
A'i mân ddefnynnau cân
Aneirif lu rhyw dyrfa lân
Ddiangodd gyda'r wawr!
Mud yw'r awel ar y waun,
Brig y grug yn esmwyth grŷn:
Gwrando mae yr aber gain,
Yn y brwyn ymguddia'i hun.
Mor nefol swynol ydyw'r sain
Sy'n dod i ddeffro dyn.

Cwyd, cwyd ehedydd, cwyd.

O le i le ar aden Iwyd,
Yn uwch, yn uwch o hyd:
Cân, can dy ddernyn cu.
A dos yn nês at lawen lu
Adawodd hoen y hyd.—
Canu mae, a'r byd a glyw,
Ei alaw lon o uchel le:
Cyfyd hiraeth dynol ryw
Ar ei ol i fröydd ne':
Yn nês at Ddydd, yn nês at Dduw
I fyny fel efe.

CEIRIOG HUGHES.

20 The Natal Voortrekker's Song.

Dutch South African psalm tune.



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LIED VAN DI NATAL-VOORTREKKERS.

1.
Dingaan is nou gesneuvel,
Dis om zijn tirannij;
Tamboesa en ook Slela
Om hul' verra jerij;
En Panda is gekome,
Hij het gevrâ om vreê;
Ons het dit sonder skrome
Blijmoedig hom gegè.

Ons arme Afrikane,
Wat hier in Natal woon,
Hoe wordt tog onse trane
Met goedheid weer bekroon!
O God! Gij skenk ons vrede,
U segen oek daarbij,
En uwe hulpe mede;
Ja, Gij. si jt an ons sij.

Ons-ken oek onse skulde
Voor U, o Opperheer!
Ons leg voor U ons hulde
As onse offer neer.
O Heer, hoor tog ons bede:
Vergeef ons alle kwaad!
Dan sal ons steeds in vrede
U lowe vroeg en laat.

Ons hoop oek ni op mense,
Dat die ons helpe moet;
Oek op gen ho'e prinse,
Want dit doet ons gen goed.
Ons roep mar tot di Here,
Die al ons sugte hoort,
Die wind en storm en mere
Lat luister na Sijn woord.

5.
Hij sal ons redding skenke
Met Sijne sterke hand;
Hij sal an ons gedenke;
Hij geef gewis ons land.
Want Gij, o Heer, is meerder
Dan alle volke saam,
Daarom sal ons te eerder
Steeds lowe Uwe naam!

6.
Hoop op di Heer, jul' vrome!
Is Afrika in nood,
Daar sal verlossing kome;
Sijn goedheid is seer groot.
Hij maak op ons gebede
Heel Afrika eens vrij
Van hul die ons vertrede;
Dan leef ons vrij en blij.

F. W. Reitz.

THE NATAL VOORTREKKER'S SONG.

Dingaan the dust hath bitten,
Thus endeth tyranny,
Tamboesa, Slela, smitten
Repent their treachery.
Lo! Panda peace doth proffer,
His embassies draw near,
Come, let us greet his offer
With friendliness sincere.

O thou poor Afrikander,
Who in Natal doest bide,
No more in sorrow wander
For all thy tears are dried;
In wealth we take not pleasure,
Nor trust in princes place,
In heaven we seek our treasure,
Our joy in God's good grace.

Long time through deserts driven
By savage hordes oppressed,
Our sins have been forgiven,
Our folk in peace may rest.
For God hath blessed our nation,
The Lord whom we adore,
He is our sure salvation
Both now and evermore.

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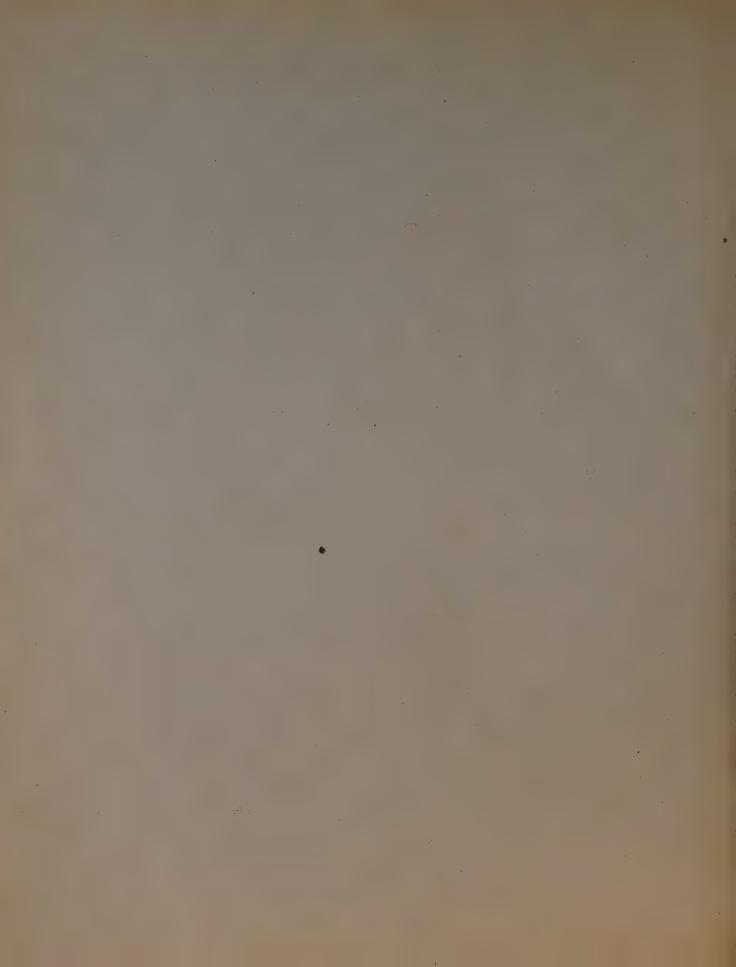
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Wedding Song.

20° 1.

Words by HAROLD BOULTON.

Old English Air (1686)
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







WEDDING SONG.

It charms the air, when birds do pair,
The wedding bell's glad tone,
In young April when Jack weds Jill
And Darby marries Joan.
Since Noah's crew walked two and two,
Each kind will seek its own;
If thou and I for true love sigh
The others we'll leave alone.

Then ring a peal the bond to seal,
And bless the bride, dear soul!
May beauty's bloom delight the groom,
While round the seasons roll.
May both through years of smiles and tears
Keep early love heart-whole,
And both think well of the wedding bell,
Till funeral knell doth toll.

Harold Boulton .

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Shadows of Night

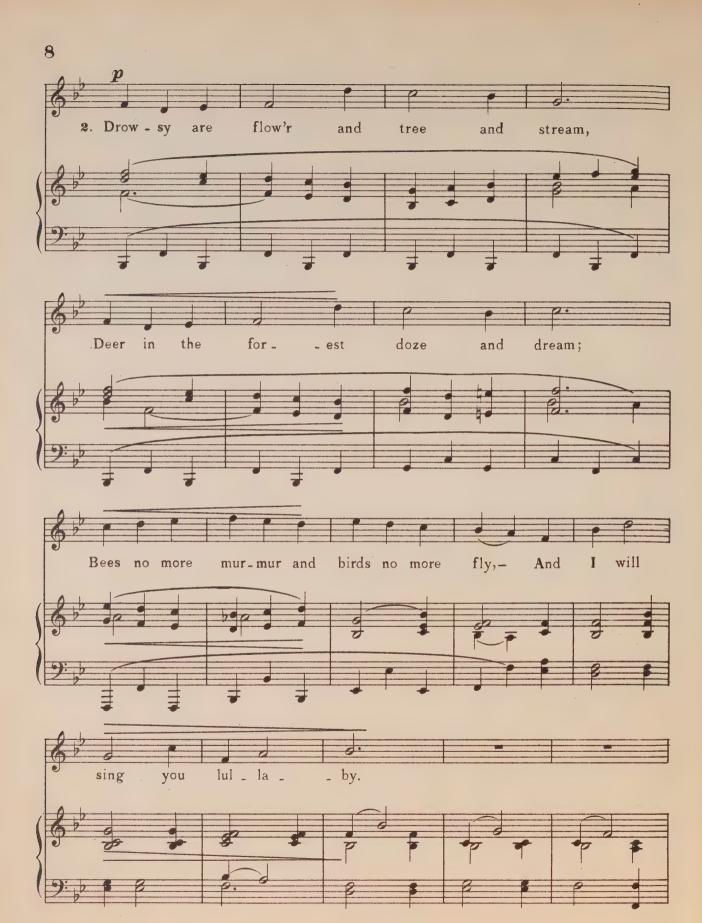
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Old English Air
(Late 17th or early 18th century.)
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.









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SHADOWS OF NIGHT.

(Golden Slumbers.)

LULLABY.

Shadows of night around us creep, Rockaby, rosebud, curl asleep; Pillowed in peace may the little head lie, And I will sing you lullaby.

Drowsy are flower and tree and stream,
Deer in the forest doze and dream,
Bees no more murmur and birds no more fly,
And I will sing you lullaby.

Skirting the stars the young moon glides, Queen of the sky while night abides; Such was the night when the angels on high To one small babe sang lullaby.

Harold Boulton.

There have been many settings of this late 17th or early 18th Century melody, to which William Chappell set the lullaby "Golden Slumbers" in the middle of the 19th Century.

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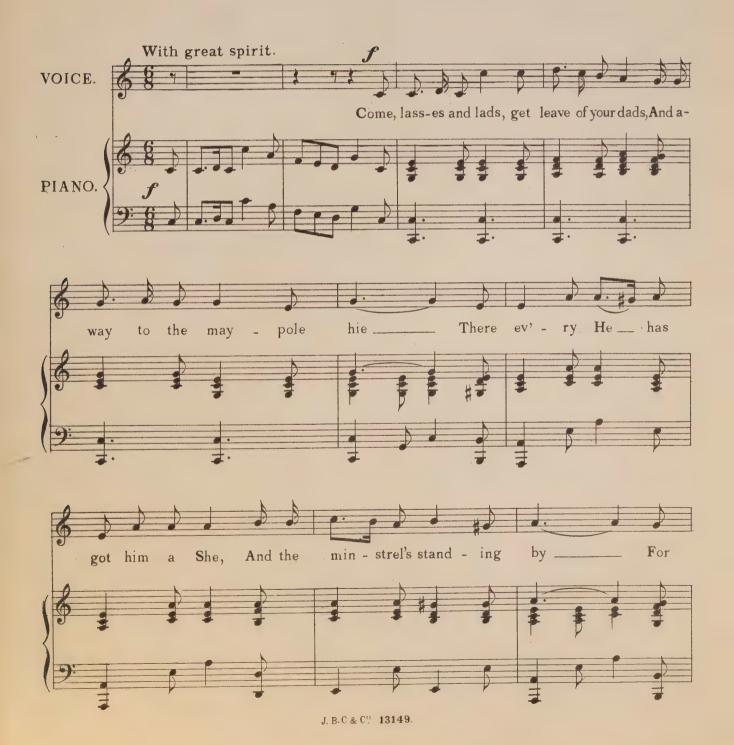
Golden slumbers kiss your eyes, Smiles awake you when you rise, Sleep, pretty wantons, do not cry, And I will sing a lullaby. Care you know not, therefore sleep While I o'er you watch do keep; Sleep pretty darlings, do not cry, And I will sing a lullaby.

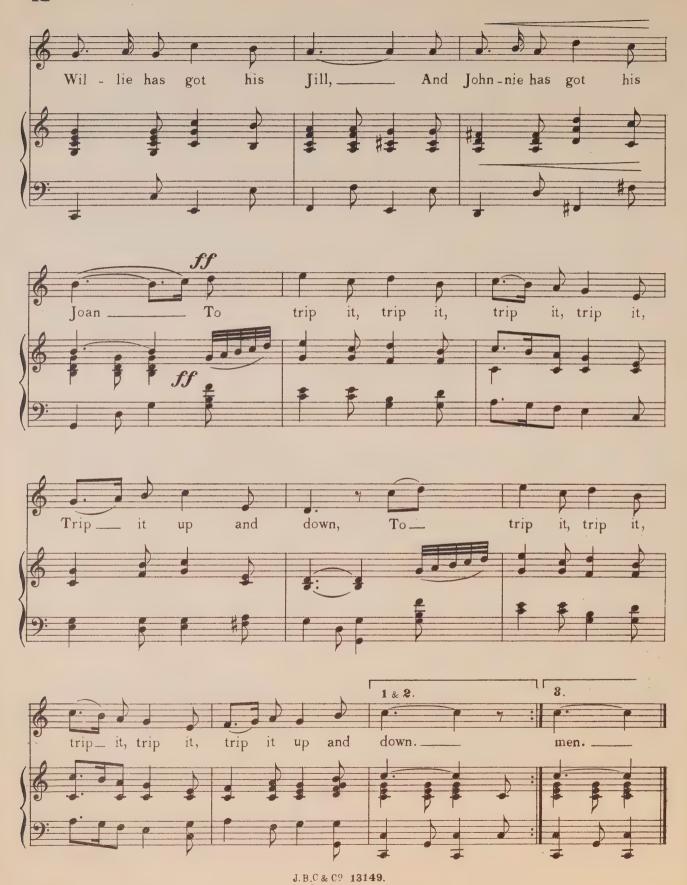
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Come lasses and lads.

Words 17th Century.

17th Century Air.
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





COME LASSES AND LADS.

Come, lasses and lads, get leave of your dads,
And away to the maypole hie,
There every He has got him a She,
And the minstrel's standing by.
For Willie has got his Jill, and Johnnie has got his Joan
To trip it, trip it, trip it, trip it up and down,
To trip it, trip it, trip it, trip it, trip it up and down.

"Strike up," says Watt, "agreed" says Matt,
"And I prithee fiddler play;"
"Content," says Hodge, and so says Madge,
"For this is a holiday."
Then every lad did doff
His hat unto his lass,
And every girl did curtsey, curtsey,
Curtsey on the grass.

"You're out" says Dick, "Not I" says Nick,
"Twas the fiddler played it wrong"
"Tis true" says Hugh, and so says Sue
And so says everyone.
The fiddler then began to play the tune again,
And every girl did trip it, trip it, trip it to the men.
And every girl did trip it, trip it, trip it to the men.

Then, after an hour, they went to a bow'r,
And play'd for ale and cakes,
And kisses too, till they were due,
The lasses held the stakes.
The girls did then begin
To quarrel with the men,
And bade them take their kisses back,
And give them their own again.

"Good-night" says Harry, "Good-night" says Mary
"Good-night" says Doll to John;
"Good-night" says Sue to her sweetheart Hugh,
"Good-night" says everyone.
Some walked and some did run, some loitered on the way,
And bound themselves by kisses twelve to meet the next holiday.
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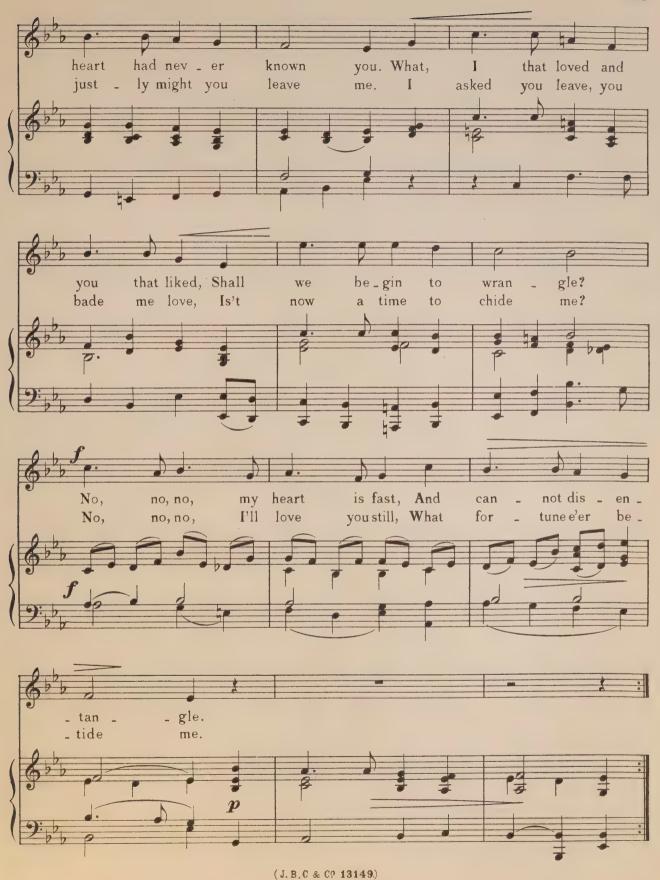
Since first I saw your face.

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Words (author unknown)
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Air by THOMAS FORD. (d.1648)
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





SINCE FIRST I SAW YOUR FACE.

Since first I saw your face I resolved
To honour and renown you;
If now I be disdained I wish
My heart had never known you.
What! I that loved and you that liked,
Shall we begin to wrangle?
No, no, no, my heart is fast,
And cannot disentangle.

If I admire or praise you too much,

That fault you may forgive me;
Or if my hands had strayed to touch,

Then justly might you leave me.
I asked you leave, you bade me love,
Is't now a time to chide me?
No, no, no, I'll love you still,

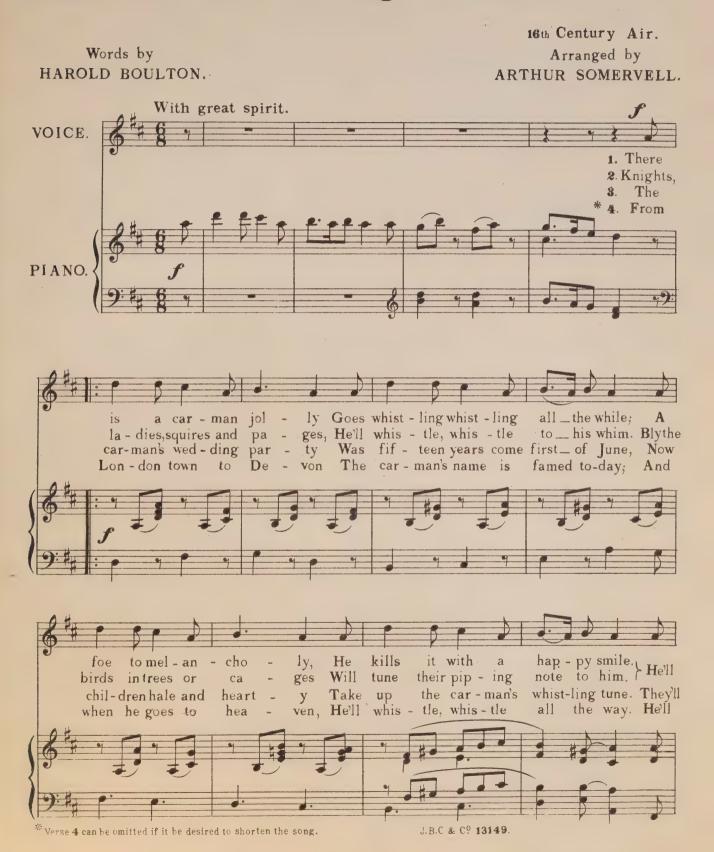
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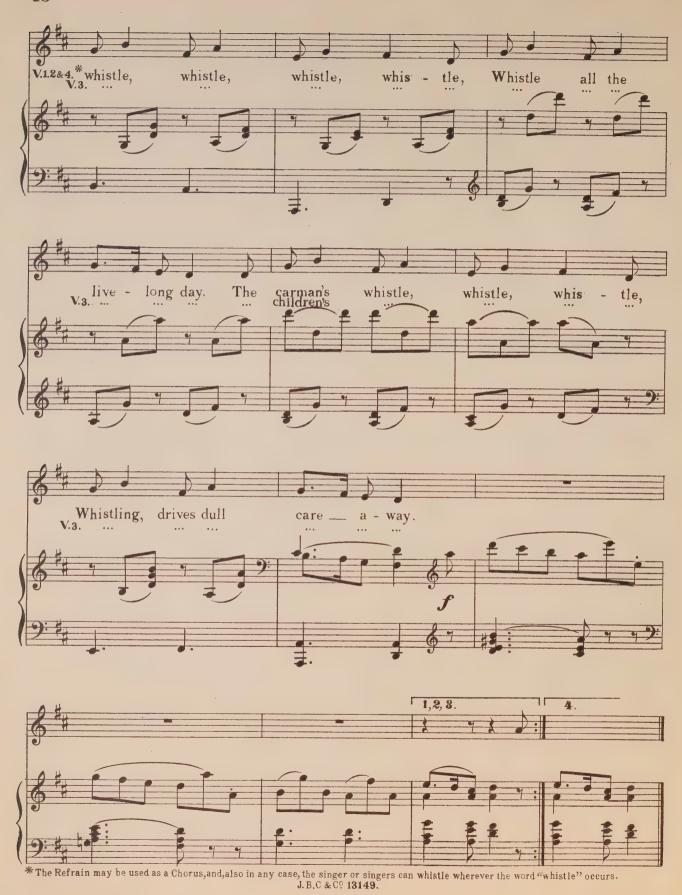
The sun whose beams most glorious are,
Rejecteth no beholder,
And your sweet beauty, past compare,
Made my poor eyes the bolder.
When beauty moves, and wit delights,
And signs of kindness bind me,
There, oh there, where e're I go,
I'll leave my heart behind me.

Author unknown.
Words published with the music in 1607.

2℃ 5.

The Whistling Carman.





THE WHISTLING CARMAN.

There is a carman jolly
Goes whistling, whistling all the while,
A foe to melancholy,
He kills it with a happy smile.
He'll whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistle all the live-long day.
The carman's whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistling, drives dull care away.

Knights, ladies, squires and pages
He'll whistle, whistle to his whim;
Blithe birds in trees or cages
Will tune their piping note to him.
He'll whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistle all the live-long day
The carman's whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistling, drives dull care away.

The carman's wedding party
Was fifteen years come first of June;
Now children hale and hearty
Take up the carman's whistling tune.
They'll whistle, whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistle all the live-long day
The children's whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistling, drives dull care away.

The carman's name is famed to-day;

And when he goes to Heaven,
He'll whistle, whistle all the way.

He'll whistle, whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistle all the live-long day

The carman's whistle, whistle, whistle,
Whistling, drives dull care away.

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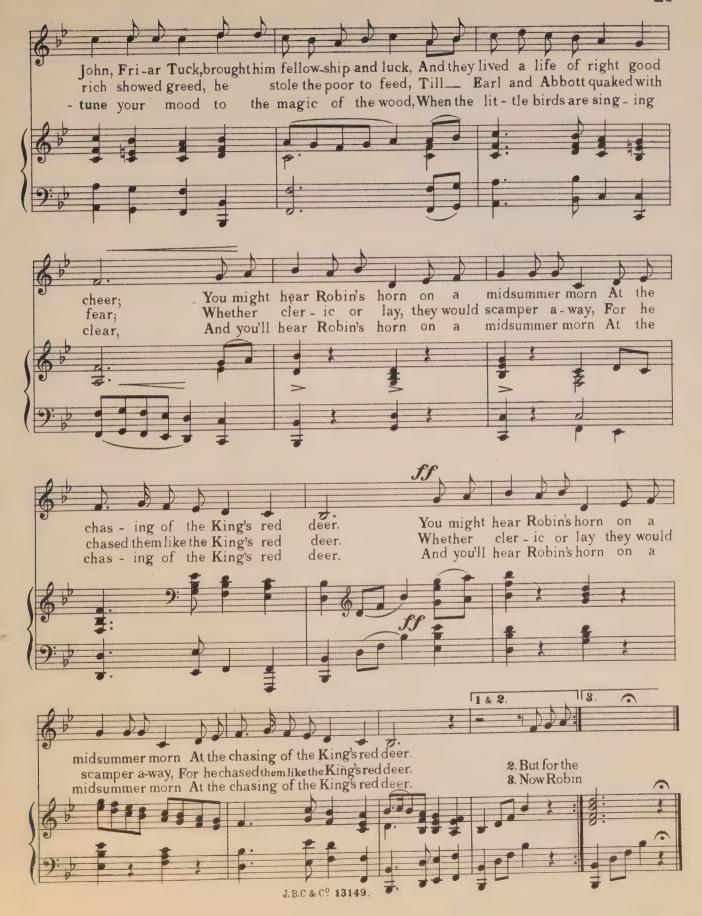
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Robin Hood.

17th Century Air

Words by Arranged by HAROLD BOULTON. ARTHUR SOMMERVELL. Allegro. VOICE. Oh! Master Rob-in Hood was an townsman's lot Robin Hood we know as Maid Queen; arch-er of the wood, Mar - iang was his And nev - er cared a jot, Rob - in Good-fel - low, For he roamed the for - est free; What he And his men are elves Little green. ten times ten were his merry merry men, All hab-i-ted in Lin-coln green. killed he ate, he was fearless of the great, And he succourd those of low de - gree. If the Ar-i-el and Puck, Maid Marian's the Fai-ry John, Friar Tuck, are

J.B.C & C? 13149.



ROBIN HOOD.

Oh!Master Robin Hood was an archer of the wood,
Maid Marian was his Queen;
And ten times ten were his merry merry men,
All habited in Lincoln Green.
Little John, Friar Tuck, brought him fellowship and luck,
And they lived a life of right good cheer;
You might hear Robin's horn on a midsummer morn
At the chasing of the King's red deer.

But for the townsman's lot Robin never cared a jot,

For he roamed the forest free;

What he killed he ate, he was fearless of the great,

And he succoured those of low degree.

If the rich showed greed, he stole the poor to feed,

Till Earl and Abbott quaked with fear;

Whether cleric or lay, they would scamper away,

For he chased them like the King's red deer.

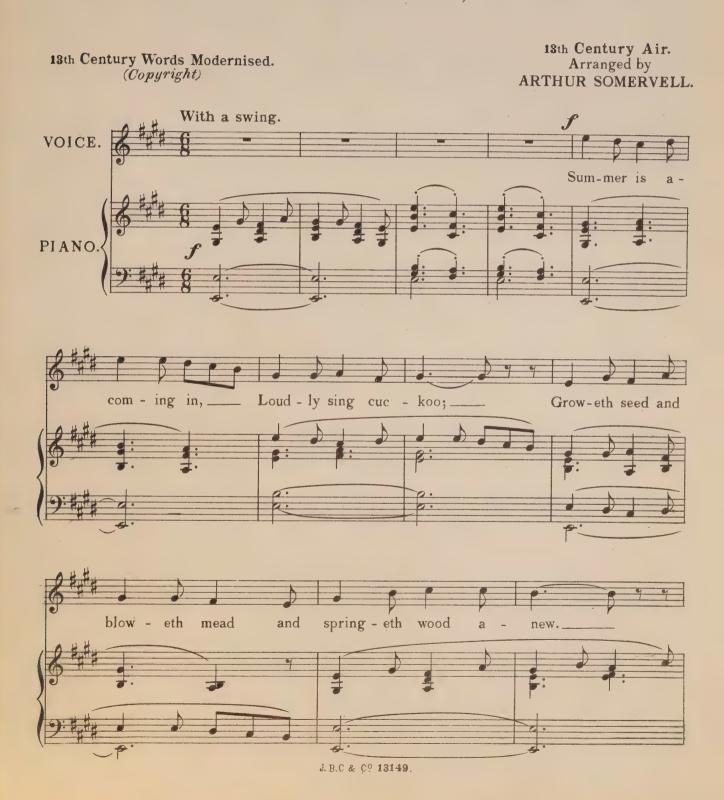
Now Robin Hood we know as Robin Goodfellow,
And his men are elves in green;
Little John, Friar Tuck, are Ariel and Puck,
Maid Marian's the Fairy Queen.
Then attune your mood to the magic of the wood,
When the little birds are singing clear,
And you'll hear Robin's horn on a midsummer morn
At the chasing of the King's red deer.

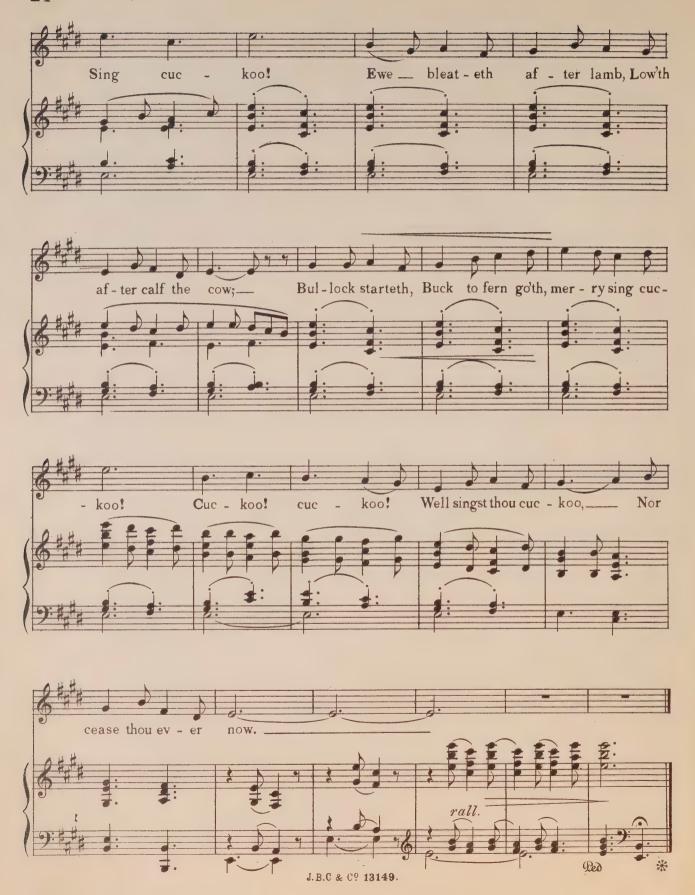
Harold Boulton,

Summer is a-coming in.

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(Sumer is icumen in.)





SUMMER IS A-COMING IN.

Summer is a-coming in,
Loudly sing cuckoo;
Groweth seed and bloweth mead
And springeth wood anew.
Sing cuckoo!

Ewe bleateth after lamb,

Low'th after calf the cow;

Bullock starteth, buck to fern go'th,

Merry sing cuckoo!

Cuckoo! cuckoo!

Well singst thou cuckoo,

Nor cease thou ever now.

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SUMER IS ICUMEN IN.

Sumer is icumen in

Lhude sing cuccu,

Groweth sed, and bloweth med,

And springth the wde nu.

Sing cuccu!

Awe bleteth after lomb,

Louth after calve cu;

Bulluc sterteth, bucke verteth,

Murie sing cuccu!

Cuccu! cuccu!

Wel singes thou cuccu,

Ne swik thu naver nu.

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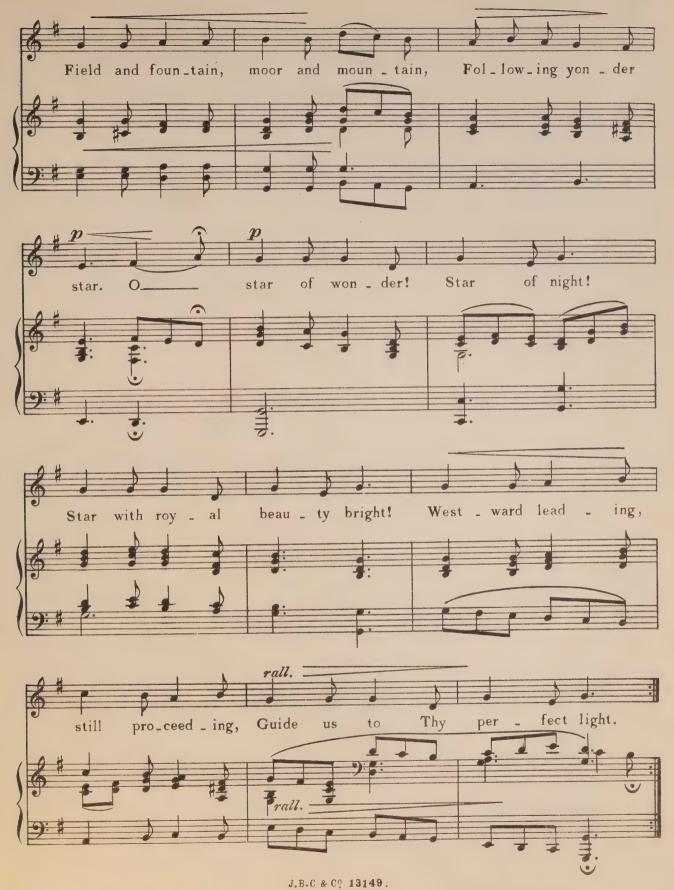
We Three Kings.

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Words by J.H. HOPKINS. (1820 - 1873)

Air by J. H. HOPKINS. (1820-1878)
Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





WE THREE KINGS.

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

O star of wonder! Star of night!
Star with Royal Beauty bright!
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again;
King for ever,
Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

O star, etc:

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity high;
Prayer and praising
All men raising
Worship Him God on High.

O star, etc:

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O star, etc:

Glorious now, behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heaven sings Hallelujah,
Hallelujah the earth replies.

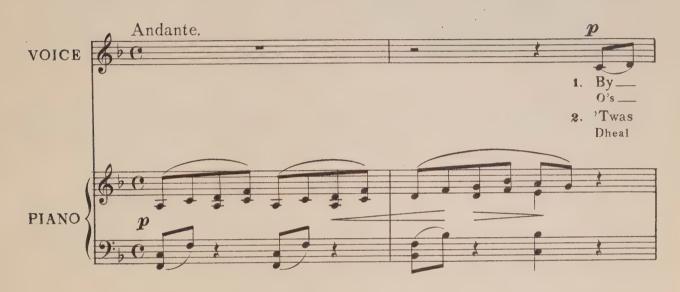
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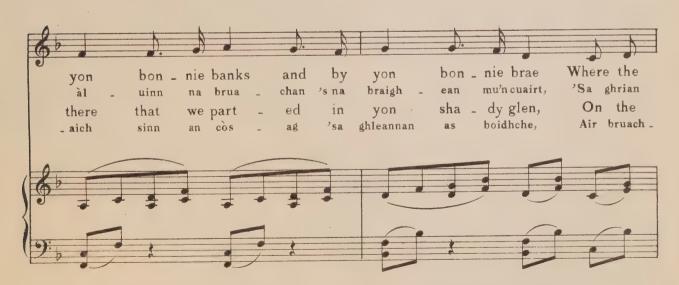
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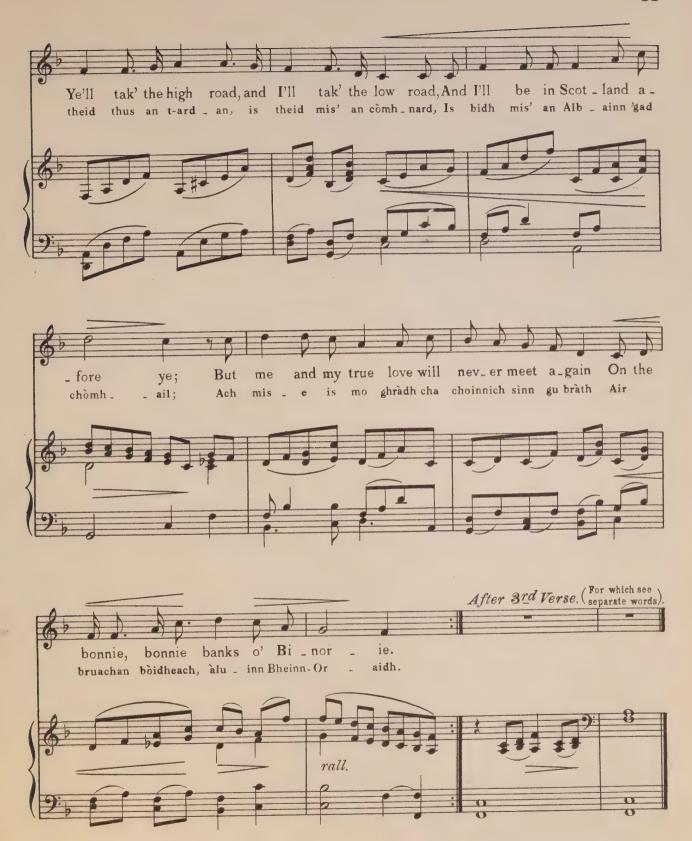
Traditional Air
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





^{*}This song is usually ruined by sentimentality,— singers vieing with one another as to who can break the rhythm most effectually, by the interpolation of pauses and rallentandos,— in fact by the use of all the tricks of the amateur and of the second rate professional.





THE BONNIE BANKS O' BINORIE.

By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie brae
Where the sun shines bright on Binorie,
Where me and my true love were ever wont to gae,
On the bonnie, bonnie banks o' Binorie—
Oh! Ye'll tak the high road and I'll tak the low road
And I'll be in Scotland afore ye;
But me and my true love will neve meet again

On the bonnie, bonnie banks o' Binorie.

'Twas there that we parted, in yon shady glen,
On the steep, steep side o' Binorie,
Where all purple-hued the Hieland hills we viewed
And the moon comin' out in her glory.

Oh! Ye'll tak, etc.

Now wee birdies sing and the wild flowers spring,
And in sunshine the waters are sleepin';
But the heart when it breaks nae joy in simmer takes,
Though the waefu' may cease frae their greetin'.
Oh! Ye'll tak, etc.

Old Scots Song. With Traditional words re-edited. (Copyright,)

BEINN ORAIDH.

O's àluinn na bruachan 's na bràighean mu'n cuairt, 'S a' ghrian dearrsadh nuas air Beinn-Oraidh; Bu shona bha sinn òg, a' mìreagaich gun gho Mu bhruachan àluinn, bòidheach Bheinn-Oraidh.

O theid thusa'n t-àrdan is theid mis' an còmhnard Is bidh mis' an Albainn'gad chòmhail; Ach mise is mo ghràdh cha choinnich sinn gu brath Air bruachan bòidheach, àluinn Bheinn Oraidh.

Dhealaich sinn an cosag 'sa ghleannan as boidhche, Air bruachan corrach, ceòthach Bheinn-Oraidh; Beanntan Gaidhealach chit' fo fhraoch-bhrat meallach, mìn, 'Sa ghealach tigh'nn a nios

Fasaidh flùran annsail is seinnidh 'n uiseag ghreannair, An lochan bidh 'san t-samhradhccho féathail; An cridhe briste, brùit' cha tig Céitein air as ùr, Ach is eiginn dhuinn le tùrsa bhi geilleadh.

Gaelic translation by NEIL SHAW.

Itinerant Singers of old would vary the local colouring of songs as they travelled from place to place. This song was not very generally known until its appearance earlier in "Songs of the North" when I deliberately chose "Loch Lomond" from other variants. I now think, because of the rhyme, that "Binorie" is the most natural, and so have here given this alternative with other alterations of words to suit. It is interesting to note that all of my own emendations, including an entirely new line in one of the verses, have been faithfully copied in most other editions of the song since mine appeared. This edition might meet with the same fate but for the intimation that it is copyright. I still omit as inferior in quality and not belonging to the song originally, a fourth verse which would give it a Jacobite turn. As to the refrain, it has often been suggested that the "Low Road" as contrasted with the "High Road" means the road through the under-world that disembodied spirits are fabled to take. Mr. Alexander Keith, Aberdeen, a high authority on the subject, insists that "Binorie" should be used instead of "Binnorie," which was Sir Walter Scott's version, and which certainly threw the accent on the wrong syllable. The Rev. Severne Majendie, formerly Chaplain to a former Duke of Buccleuch, writes to tell me that Lady John Scott, authoress and composer of the modern edition of "Annie Laurie", who died in 1892, and who was a fine singer of and authority on Scots songs always sang this song as "The Bonnie Banks o' Binorie". H.B.

Leezie Lindsay.

20° 10.

Words Traditional.

Traditional Air
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





LEEZIE LINDSAY

Will ye gang to the Hielans, Leezie Lindsay?Will ye gang to the Hielans wi' me?Will ye gang to the Hielans, Leezie Lindsay?My bride and my darlin' to be?

To gang to the Hielans wi' you, sir, I dinna ken how that may be,

For I ken na' the lan' that ye live in,

Nor ken I the lad I'm gaun wi'.

O Leezie, lass, ye maun ken little,
If sae be that ye dinna ken me,
For my name is Lord Ronald Macdonald,
A chieftain of high degree.

She has kilted her skirts o' green satin,
She has kilted them up to the knee,
And she's aff wi' Lord Ronald Macdonald,
His bride and his darlin' to be.

Traditional.

Turn Ye to Me.

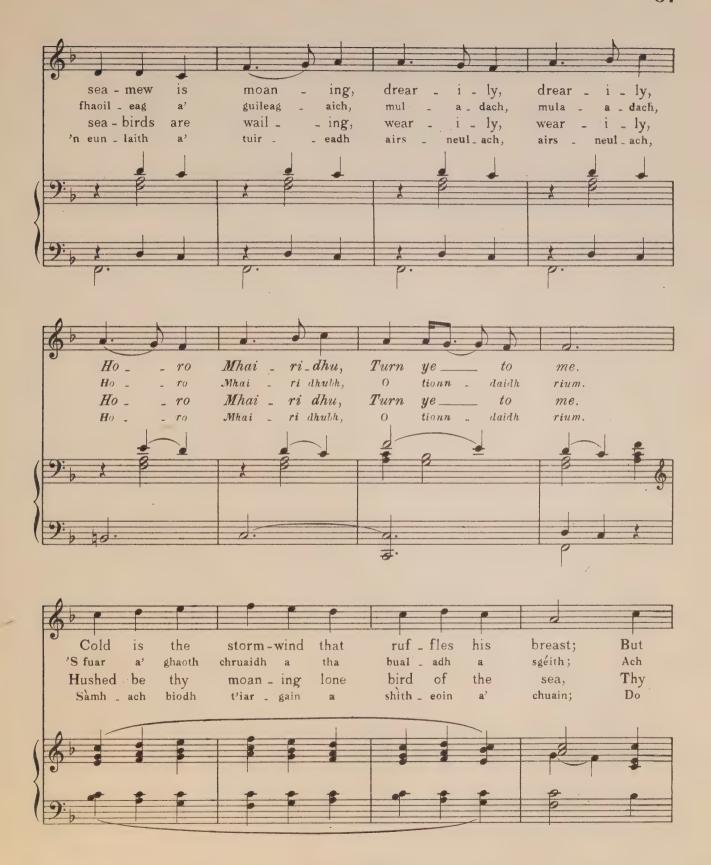
O, TIONNDAIDH RIUM.

20° 11.

Words by
Professor JOHN WILSON (Christopher North)
1785-1854.
Gaelic Translation by NEIL SHAW.

Highland Air arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





(J.B.C & CQ 13149.)



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TURN YE TO ME.

The stars are shining, cheerily, cheerily,

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

The sea-mew is moaning, drearily, drearily,

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

Cold is the storm-wind that ruffles his breast,

But warm are the downy plumes lining his nest.

Cold blows the storm there, soft falls the snow there;

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

The waves are dancing, merrily, merrily,

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

The sea-birds are wailing, wearily, wearily,

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

Hushed be thy moaning, lone bird of the sea;

Thy home on the rocks is a shelter for thee.

Thy home is the angry wave, mine but the lonely grave.

Horo Mhairi dhu, Turn ye to me.

Professor Wilson.
(Christopher North.)
1785-1854.

O TIONNDAIDH RIUM.

Tha reul a' dearrsadh lainnearach, lainnearach,

Horo Mhuiri Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

Tha'n fhaoileag a' guileagaich muladach, muladach,

Horo Mhuiri Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

'S fuar a' ghaoth chruaidh a tha bualadh a sgéith,

Ach 's blàth anns a' chuachan tha itean a cré;

'S fuar a' ghaoth dhoinnonn ann,

'S ciùin an sneachd tiorm ann,

Horo Mhairi Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

Tha tuinn a' dannsadh aighearach, aighearach,

Horo Mhairi Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

Tha 'n eunlaith a' tuireadh airsneulach, airsneulach,

Horo Mhairi Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

Sàmhach biodh t'iargain a shìth-eoin a' chuain;

Do thàmh is do dhachaidh air carraig nan stuadh.

Do dhàchaidhs' air bharr nan tonn,

Mis' anns a' chaisil chrò.

Horo Mhairi Dhubh, O tionndaidh rium.

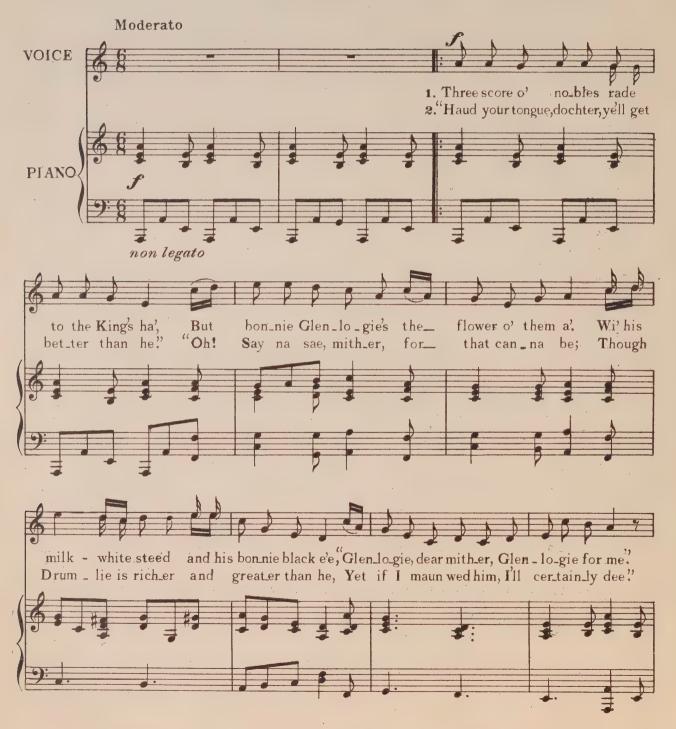
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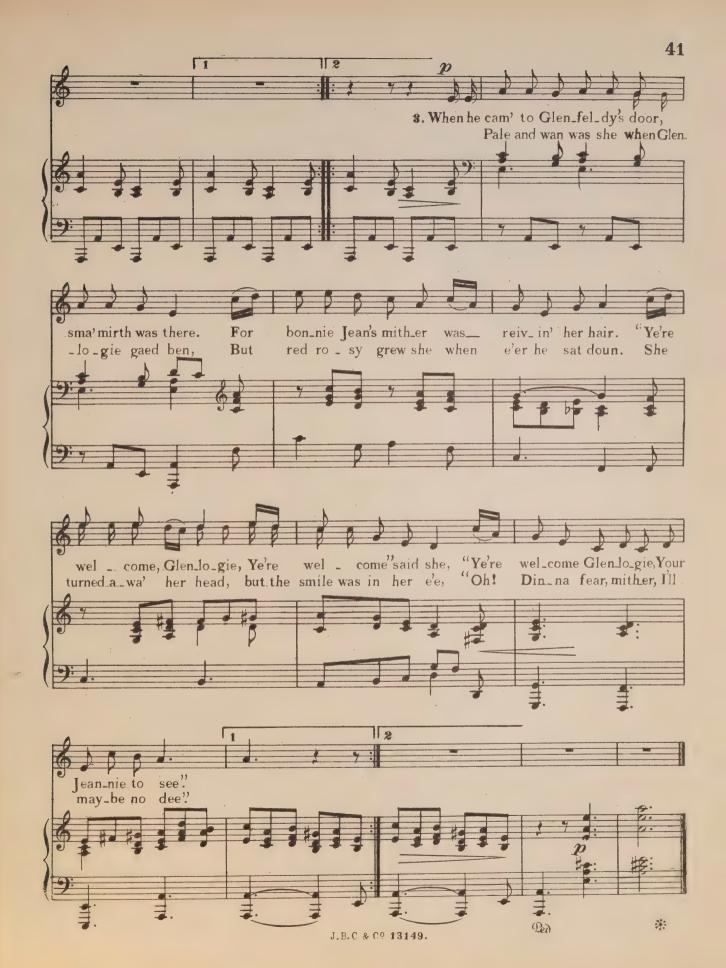
Glenlogie.

Mº 12.

Old Scots Ballad.

Old Scots Melody Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





GLENLOGIE.

Threescore o' nobles rade to the king's ha', But bonnie Glenlogie's the flower o' them a'; Wi' his milkwhite steed, and his bonnie black e'e, 'Glenlogie, dear mither, Glenlogie for me!'

"O haud your tongue, dochter, yell get better than he?"
"O say na sae, mithter, for that canna be;"
"Though Drumlie is richer, and greater than he,"
"Yet if I maun lo'e him, I'll certainly dee?"

"Where will I get a bonnie boy, to win hose and shoon, "Will gae to Glenlogie, and come again soon?"
"O here am I, a bonnie boy, to win hose and shoon,"
"Will gae to Glenlogie, and come again soon."

When he gaed to Glenlogie, 'twas" Wash and go dine; 'Twas" Wash ye, my pretty boy, wash and go dine."
"O 'twas ne'er my father's fashion, and it ne'er shall be mine;"
"To gar a lady's errand wait till I dine."

"But there is, Glenlogie, a letter for thee."

The first line he read, a low smile gae he;

The next line he read, the tear blindit his ee;

But the last line he read, he gart the table flee.

"Gar saddle the black horse, gar saddle the brown;"
"Gar saddle the swiftest steed e'er rade frae town;"
But lang ere the horse was brought round to the green,
Oh!Bonnie Glenlogie was twa mile his lane.

When he cam' to Glenfeldy's door, sma' mirth was there;

Bonnie Jean's mother was tearing her hair; "Ye're welcome, Glenlogie, ye're welcome, said she,, "Ye're welcome, Glenlogie, your Jeanie to see."

Pale and wan was she, when Glenlogie gaed ben, But red rosy grew she whene'er he sat down; She turned awa' her head, but the smile was in her e'e: "O binna feared, mither, I'll maybe no dee."

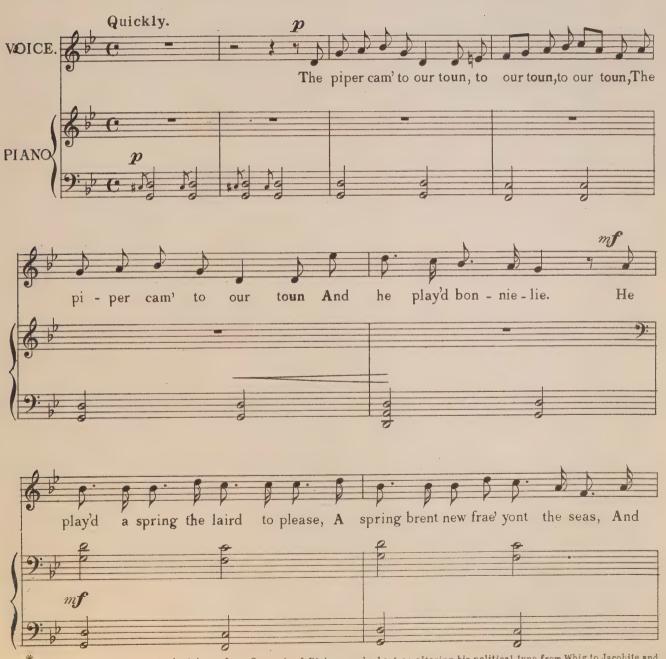
Old Scots Ballad.

The Piper o' Dundee.

2℃º 13.

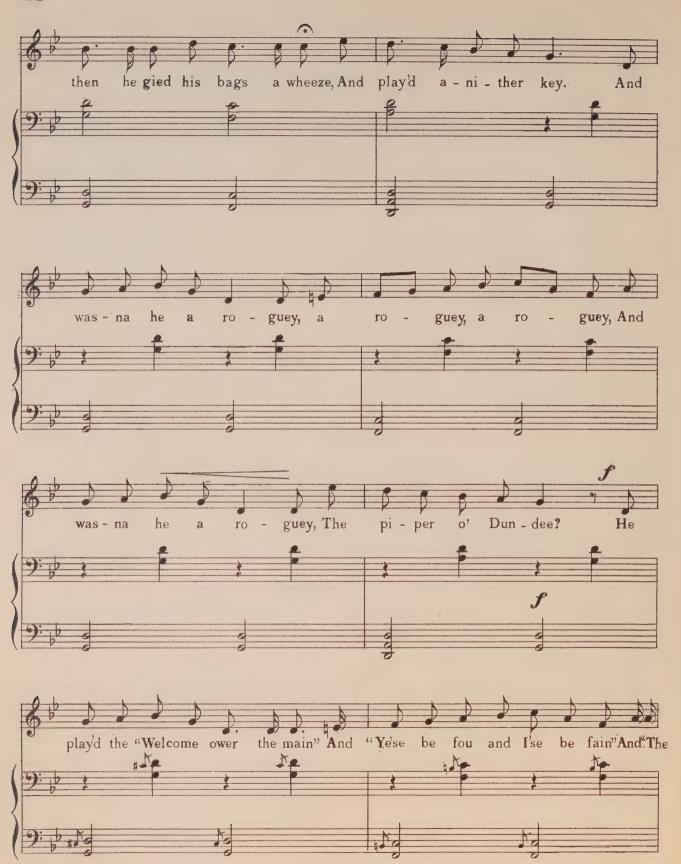
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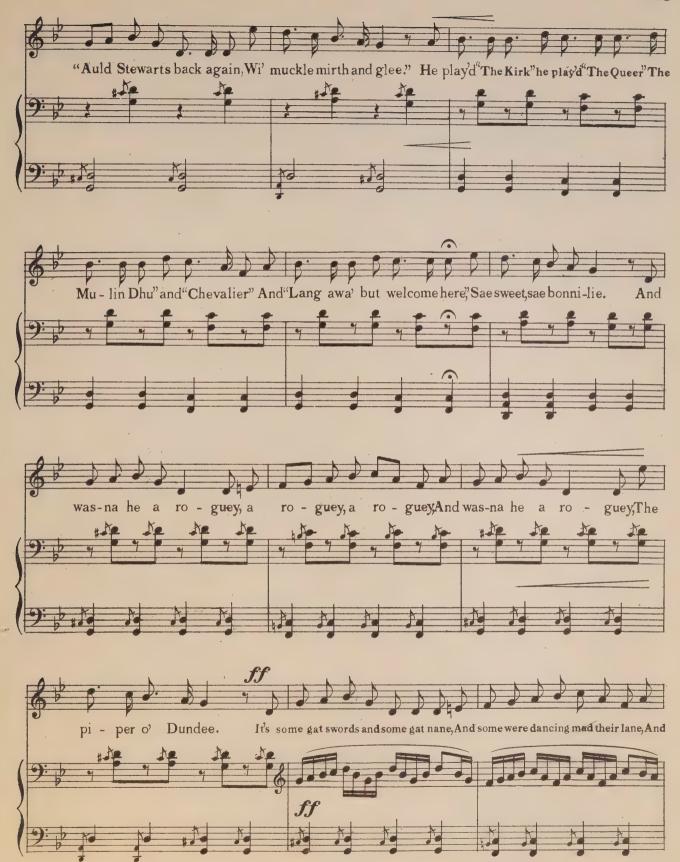


*Said to have been written in derision of one Carnegie of Pinhaven who kept on altering his political tune from Whig to Jacobite and back again. He is said to have fled from Sheriffmuirin 1715.

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THE PIPER O' DUNDEE.

The piper cam' to our toun, to our toun, to our toun,
The piper cam' to our toun
And he played bonnielie.
He played a spring the laird to please,
A spring brent new frae' yout the seas,
And then he gied his bags a wheeze,
And played anither key.
And wasna he a roguey, a roguey, a roguey,
The piper o' Dundee?

He played the "Welcome ower the main"
And "Yese be fou and I'se be fain"
And "The Auld Stewarts back again;"
Wi' muckle mirth and glee.
He played "The Kirk" he played "The Queer"
The "Mulin Dhu" and "Chevalier"
And "Lang awa' but welcome here,"
Sae sweet, say bonnilie.
And wasna he a roguey, a roguey, a roguey,
The piper o' Dundee?

It's some gat swords and some gat nane,
And some were dancing mad their lane,
And mony a vow o' weir was ta'en
That nicht at Amulrie.
There was Tullibardine and Burleigh,
And Struan, Keith and Ogilvie,
And brave Carnegie, wha but he?
The piper o' Dundee.
And wasna he a rogueg, a roguey, a roguey,
And wasna he a roguey,
The piper o Dundee?

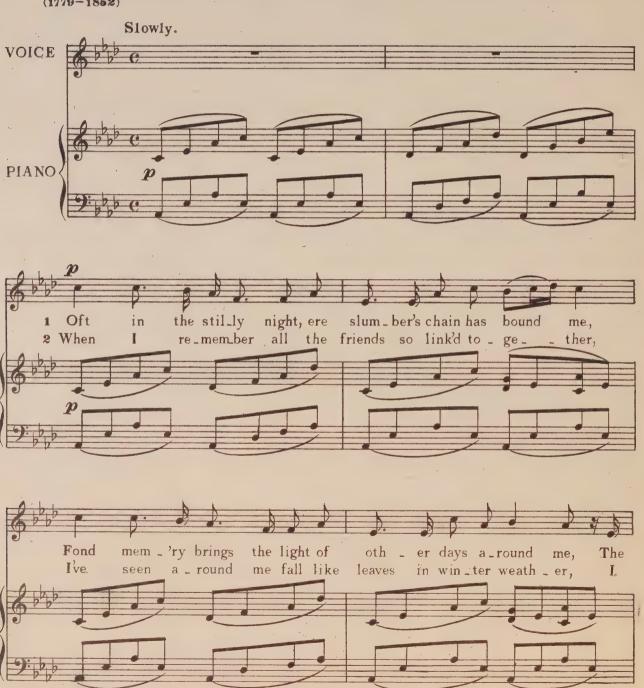
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Oft in the Stilly Night.

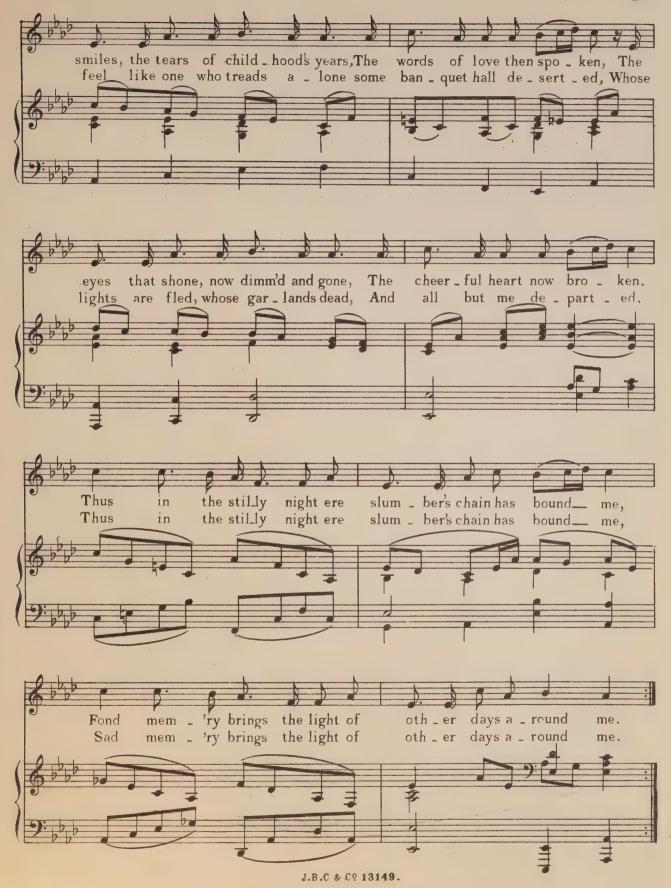
2° 14.

Words by THOMAS MOORE.

*Scottish or Irish Air arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



^{*} Noted by Moore as a Scotch" Air.



OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT.

Oft, in the stilly night, ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Fond memory brings the light of other days around me;
The smiles, the tears of childhood's years, the words of love then spoken,
The eyes that shone, now dimmed and gone, the cheerful heart now broken.

Thus in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

When I remember all the friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall like leaves in winter weather,
I feel like one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead, and all but me departed.

Thus in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light Of other days around me.

Thomas Moore. (1779-1852)

202 15. THE TREE IN THE WOOD.

(OR YOUNG DENIS)

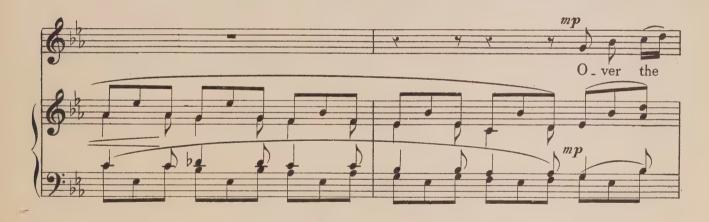
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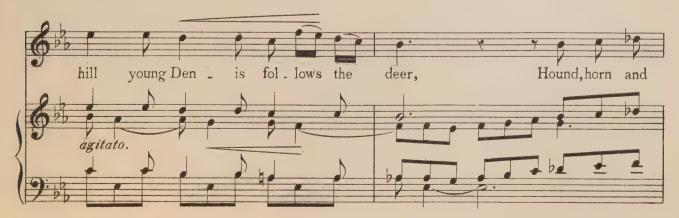
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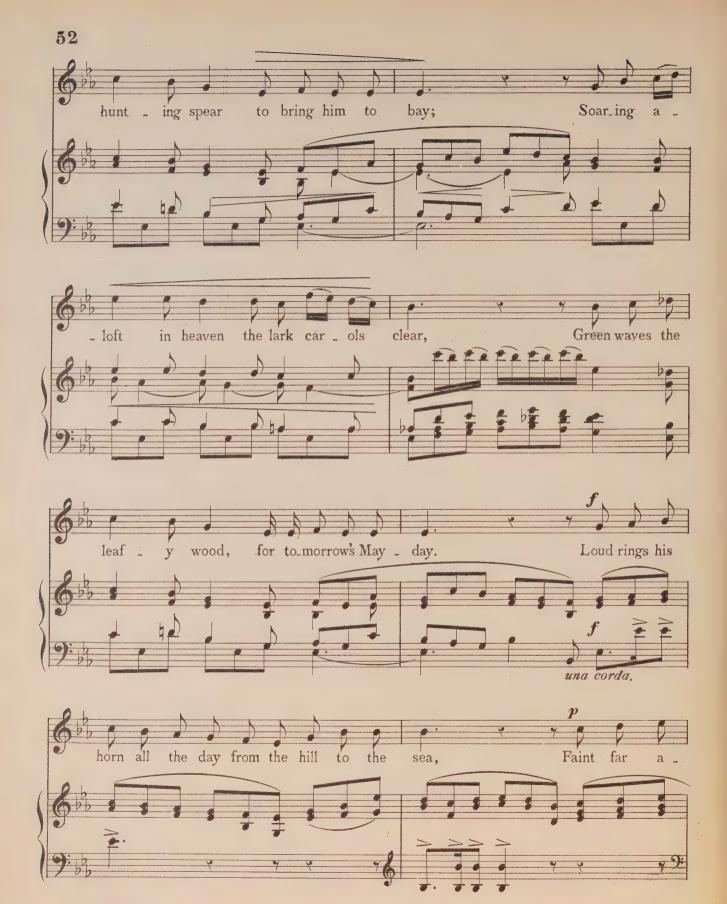
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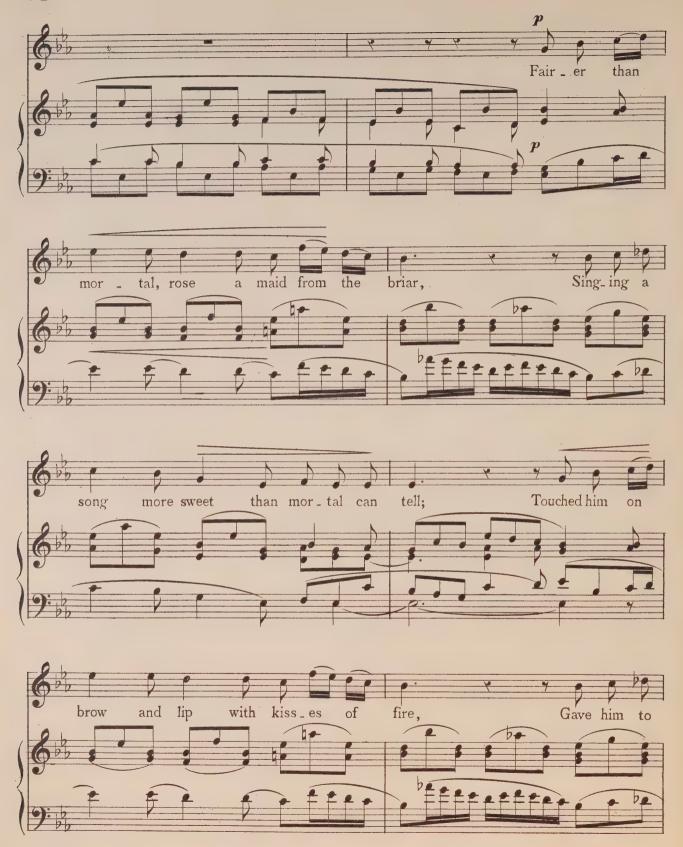
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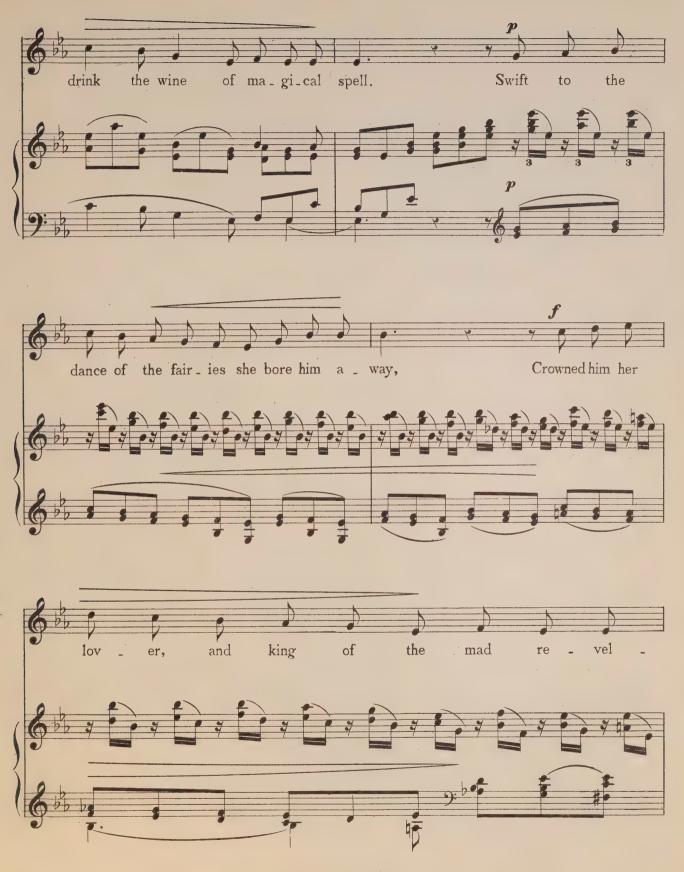


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THE TREE IN THE WOOD.

Or YOUNG DENIS.

Over the hill young Denis follows the deer,
Hound, horn, and hunting spear to bring him to bay;
Soaring aloft in heaven the lark carols clear,
Green waves the leafy wood, for to-morrow's Mayday.
Loud rings his horn all the day from the hill to the sea,
Faint far away through the wood till the fall of the night;
Weary he rests with his hounds 'neath the hollow oak tree,
Foolish he sinks into sleep by the silver moonlight.

Fairer than mortal rose a maid from the brier,
Singing a song more sweet than mortal can tell,
Touched him on brow and lip with kisses of fire,
Gave him to drink the wine of magical spell.
Swift to the dance of the fairies she bore him away,
Crowned him her lover, and king of the mad revelry;
Dead lay his hounds on the sward at the dawn of Mayday,
Gone was young Denis that slept 'neath the hollow oak tree.

Over the hill a horn the forester hears,
When leaves are waving green and to-morrow's Mayday;
Leading the dance at night a maiden appears,
Linked with a huntsman clad in gallant array.
Masterless now are his cattle that low on the hill,
Sad his companions that wonder and wait him in vain,
Bowed in the ashes his mother, that mourns for him still,
Back to the sunlight young Denis comes never again.

HAROLD BOULTON.

DINIS OG AG FIADHACH.

Chuaidh Dinis amach air na sléibhtibh air lorg na bhfiadh,
Le n-a choin a's a stoc a's a sgian 's a shleigh ann a láimh
'S budh bhinn leis 'snna neulltaibh shuas an fhuiseoigín liath,
Air maidin laé Bealtaine 'g gabhail a h-abhráin go sáimh
Do mhúsgail sé fuaim na macalla go meadhrach 's go binn,
O chrann agus carraig, ó shliabh ó chnoc agus gleann,
No gur chodluigh an laoch, 's é tuirseach de'n fhiadhach, ann sin,
Faoi sholus na gealaigh' leis féin, 's é faoi sgáile na g-crana.

D' eirigh ó sgeich le n-a thaoibh-sean an réultan mná, Budh bhinne an ceol ann a beul 'na caoin-chláirseach na sidh, Do phóg sí a mhala go minic le pógaibh grádh, Agus leag sí a droigheacht go trom air a chliabh 's a chroidhe. Ag ringce na sidh-bhean do rug sí an laoch, le mian, 'S chuir fáinne de 'n ór air a mheur agus cróin air a cheann, Bhi a choin uile marbh air maidin trá d'eirigh an ghrian, A's Dinis óg imthighthe a's radarc, faoi agáile na g-crann.

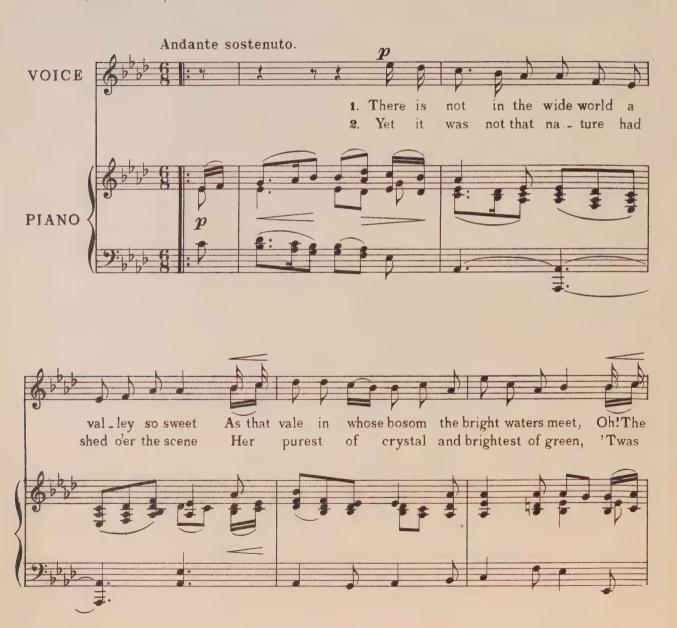
Gach Bealtaine séidthear an stoc ain, stoc Dinis, 's an ngleann,
Agus cluintear an fhuaim ann san gcoill sin Lá Bealtaine Buidhe
Agus cidhtear óg-mhaighdean ag ringce faoi dhuileabhar na g-crann
'S fear-seilge léithe, 's is iongantach áluinn i.
Tá anois a chuid eallaigh gan aodhaire leo féin air an gcnoc,
Is brónach 'nna dhiaigh anois a lucht cumainn a's graidh,
Tá a mhathair 'g fás liath le súil do bheith 'g eisteacht a stoic,—
Acht ni fheicfidhear Dinis 'san t-saoaghal so choidhche go bráth.

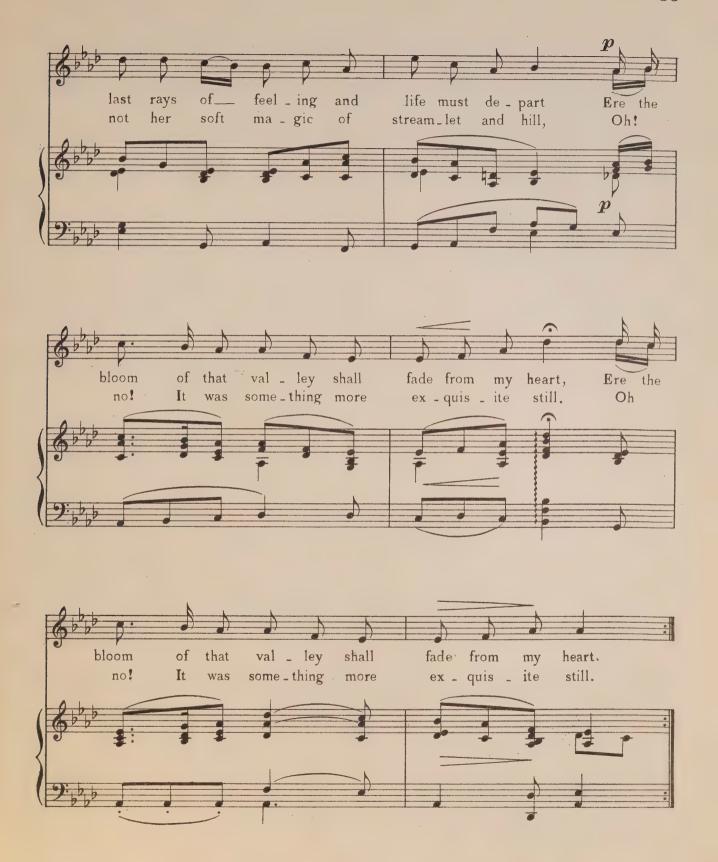
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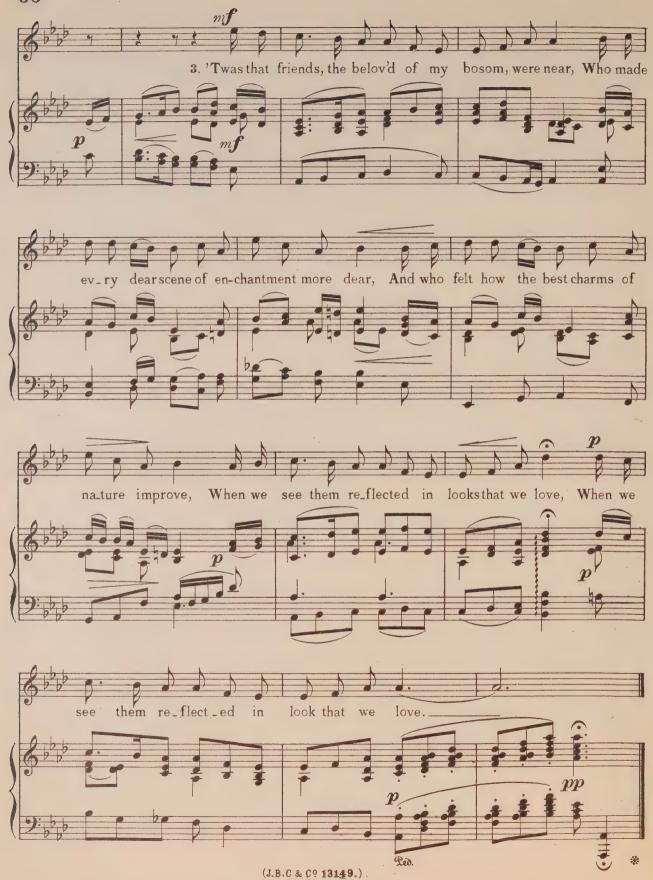
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Words by THOMAS MOORE. (1779-1852.)

Old Irish Air
Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.

There is not in the wide world a valley so sweet.

As that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet;

Oh! The last rays of feeling and life must depart

Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that nature had shed o'er the scene Her purest of crystal and brightest of green, 'Twas not her soft magic of streamlet and hill, Oh no! It was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the belov'd of my bosom, were near, Who made ev'ry dear scene of enchantment more dear, And who felt how the best charms of nature improve, When we see them reflected in looks that we love.

Sweet vale of Avoca! How calm I could rest In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best; Where the storms that we feel in this cold world would cease, And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace!

Thomas Moore. (1779-1852.)

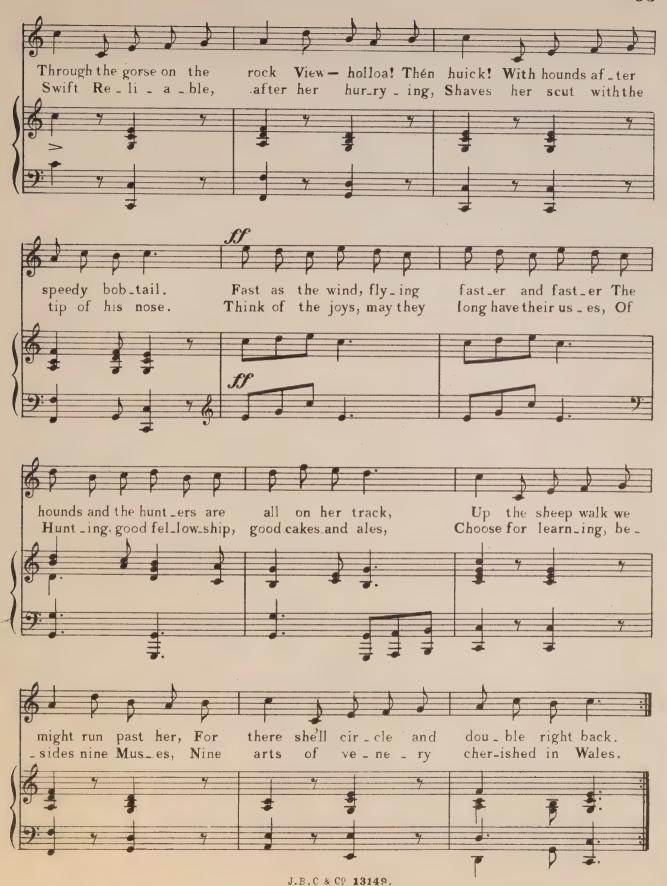
Hunting the Hare.

Mº 17.

Welsh words by CEIRIOG HUGHES. (19th Century)
English translation by HAROLD BOULTON.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

Air arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





HUNTING THE HARE.

Who'll come hunting the hare, come follow,

The air of the morning is fresh in the vale;

Through the gorse on the rock view — holloa!

Then huick! With hounds after speedy bob-tail.

Fast as the wind, flying faster and faster,

The hounds and the hunters are all on her track,

Up the sheep walk we might run past her,

For there she'll circle and double right back.

Look! For life she is scampering, scurrying,
Down the ditch by the dingle she goes;
Swift Reliable after her hurrying
Shaves her scut with the tip of his nose.
Think of the joys, may they long have their uses!
Of Hunting, good fellowship, good cakes and ales,
Choose for learning, besides nine Muses,
Nine arts of venery cherished in Wales.

Translated by HAROLD BOULTON.

HELA'R SGYFARNOG.

Awn.i hela'r ysgyfarnog,
Dyma fore hyfryd, iach;
Codwyd hi ar graig eithinog
Hei! y cwn a'r gwta fach!
Fel y gwynt, neu'n gynt na hynny,
Gyda'r cwn.a hithau'r awn;
Ar y ffrid wrth fynd i fyny
Dyna iddi drofa iawn.

Am ei bywyd mae hi'n rhedeg Efo'r clawdd a godre'r llwyn: Wele filgi fel yn'hedeg, Dyna hi o flaen ei drwyn. Hir y byddo mewn cadwraeth Hela gyda gwledd a chân: O! am ddysgu naw helwriaeth Campau gwledig Cymru Lán!

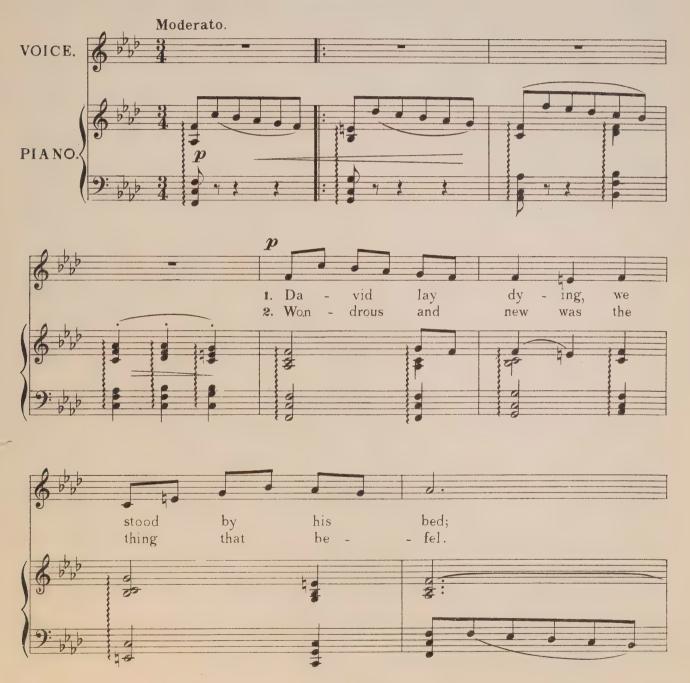
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David of the White Rock.

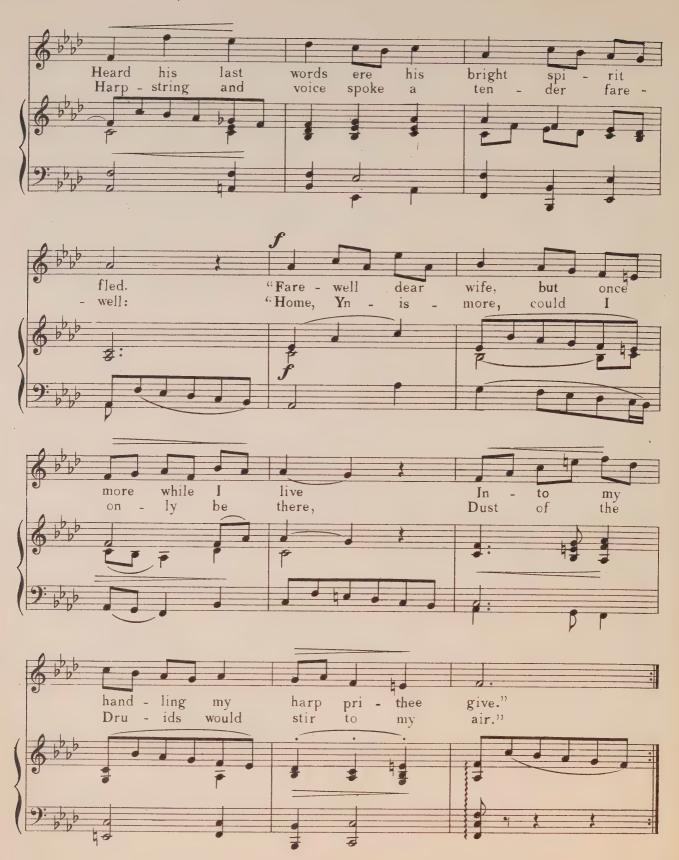
(Dafydd y Garreg Wen.)

Welsh Words by
CEIRIOG HUGHES (19th Century)
English Translation by
HAROLD BOULTON.
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

Welsh Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



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DAVID OF THE WHITE ROCK.

(Dafydd y Garreg Wen.)

David lay dying, we stood by his bed; Heard his last words ere his bright spirit fled. "Farewell dear wife, but once more while I live In to my handling my harp prithee give."

Wondrous and new was the thing that befel, Harpstring and voice spoke a tender farewell; "Home, Ynismore! Could I only be there" "Dust of the Druids would stir to my air."

"Last night an angel appeared at my side,"
"Sing, David, sing through the valley, he cried."
Thus far the bard, but this stave was his last;
On the wings of the music his spirit had passed.

Translation by
Harold Boulton.
Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

DAFYDD Y GARREG WEN.

'Roedd Dafydd yn marw, pan safwn yn fyd I wylio datodiad rhwng bywyd a byd:
"Hyd yma'r adduned, Anwylyd, ond moes
Im' gyffwrdd fy nhelyn yn niwedd fy oes."

Estynwyd y delyn, yr hon yn ddioed Ollyngodd alawon na chlywsid erioed: "O! cleddwch fi gartref yn hen Ynys Fôn, Yn llwch y Derwyddon, a hon fyddo'r dôn:

"Neithwir mi glywais lais angel fel hyn 'Dafydd, tyr'd adref, a chware trwy'r Glyn'."
Yn swn yr hen delyn gogwyddodd ir ben
Ac angau rodd fywyd ei "Hèn Garreg Wen!"

Ceiriog Hughes (19th Century)

New Year's Eve.

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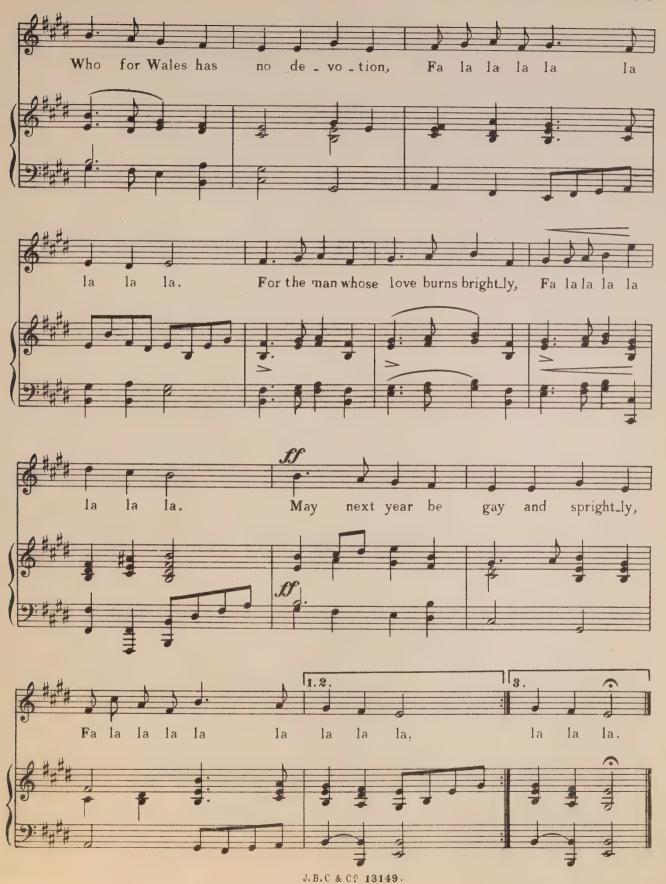
(NOS GALAN)

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(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.)

Welsh Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.







NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Cold the man without emotion Fa-la-la, Who for Wales has no devotion Fa-la-la, For the man whose love burns brightly, Fa-la-la, May next year be gay and and sprightly Fa-la-la, Cold the bills and far from cheering Fa-la-la, With the holidays appearing, Fa-la-la, Hear the wisdom of the ages, Fa-la-la, Don't spend more than all your wages. Fa-la-la. Cold the snow on Snowdon's bonnet Fa-la-la, Though there's plenty wool upon it, Fa-la-la, Cold the folk who will not bother, Fa-la-la, On New Year's Eve to greet each other, Fa-la-la.

Translated by HAROLD BOULTON.
Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain.

NÔS GALAN.

Oer yw'r gwr sy'n methu caru	Fa - la - la
Hên fynyddoeddannwyl Cymru;	Fa - la - la
Iddo ef a'u car gynhesaf,	Fa - la - la
Gwyliau llawen flwyddyn nesaf.	Fa - la - la
I'r helbulus oer yw'r biliau	Fa - la - la
Sydd yn dyfod yn y gwyliau;	Fa - la - la
Gwrando bregeth mewn un pennill:	Fa - la - la
"Byth na waria fwy na'th ennill."	Fa - la - la
Oer yw'r eir ar eryri,	Fa - 1a - 1a
Er bod gwrthban gwlanen arni;	Fa - 1a - 1a
Oer yw'r bobol na ofalan'	Fa - 1a - 1a
Gwrdd â'i gilydd ar Nôs Galan.	Fa - 1a - 1a

CEIRIOG HUGHES. (19th Century.)

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BLOW, FAIR WIND.

Solo: O COME and look out there beyond, Three fine ducks swimming in a pond.

Refrain.

Blow, fair wind, Blow, jolly wind, Blow, fair wind, my true love's calling; Blow, fair wind, Blow, jolly wind, Blow, fair wind, she waits for me,

Solo: A hunting goes the King's own son, He has his great big silver gun. Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

Solo: He views the black, but kills the white, O bad King's son, a sorry plight! Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

Solo: You killed my duck, O bad King's son, Beneath her wing red blood doth run. Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

Solo: Her eyes shed diamonds on the ground, Her beak drops gold and silver around. Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

VI.

Solo: Her feathers float upon the breeze, And three fine dames come gathering these. Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

Solo: A fine camp bed of these they make For passers-by their rest to take. Refrain: Blow, fair wind, etc.

[English version by Harold Boulton.]

V'LA, L'BON VENT.

Solo: Derrièr' chez nous, y a-t-un étang, Chœur: Derrièr' chez nous, y a-t-un étang, Solo: Trois beaux canards s'en vont baignant.

Chœur.

V'la, l'bon vent, V'la, l'joli vent, V'la, l'bon vent, ma mi' m'appelle ; V'la, l'bon vent, V'la, I joli vent, V'la l'bon vent, ma mi' m'attend.

Solo: Trois beaux canards s'en vont baignant, Chœur: Trois beaux canards s'en vont baignant, Solo: Le fils du roi s'en va chassant. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

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Solo: Avec son grand fusil d'argent, Chœur: Avec son grand fusil d'argent. Solo: Visa le noir tua le blanc. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

Solo: Visa le noir, tua le blanc, Chœur: Visa le noir, tua le blanc. Solo: O fils du roi, tu es méchant. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

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IX.

Solo: Et par le bec l'or et l'argent, Chœur: Et par le bec l'or et l'argent, Solo: Toutes ses plum' s'en vont au vent. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

Solo: Toutes ses plum' s'en vont au vent, Chœur: Toutes ses plum' s'en vont au vent; Solo: Trois dam' s'en vont les ramassant. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

Solo: Trois dam' s'en vont les ramassant, Chœur: Trois dam' s'en vont les ramassant; Solo: C'est pour en faire un lit de camp. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

Solo: C'est pour en faire un lit de camp, Chœur: C'es pour en faire un lit de camp, Solo: Pour y coucher tous les passants. Chœur: V'la, l'bon vent, etc.

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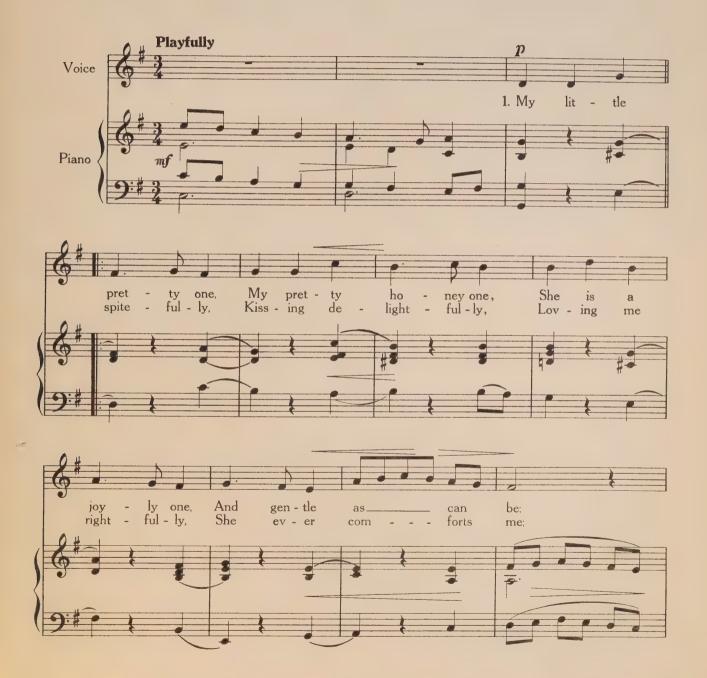
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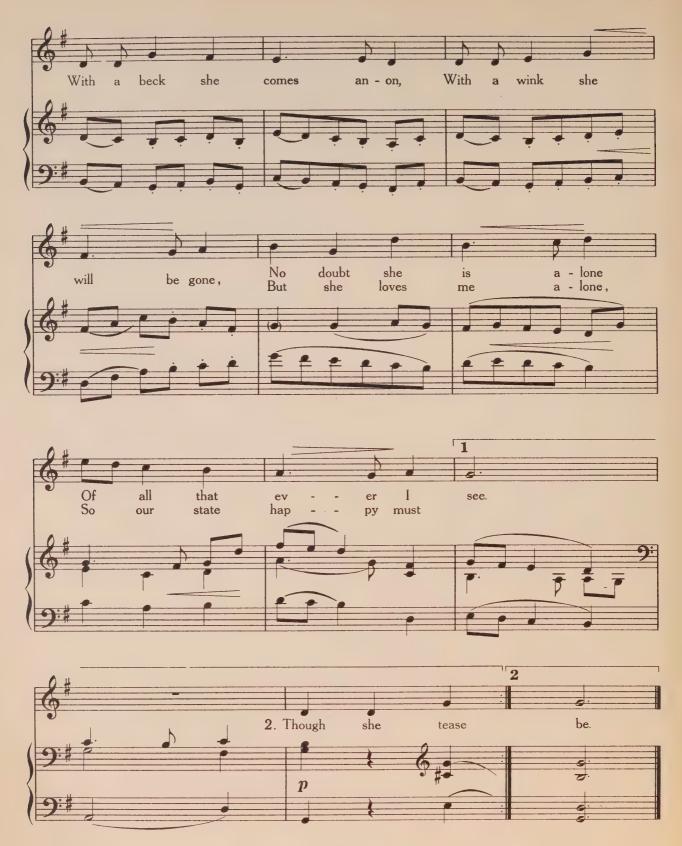
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My little pretty one,
My pretty honey one,
She is a joyly one,
And gentle as can be;
With a beck she comes anon,
With a wink she will be gone,
No doubt she is alone
Of all that ever I see.

Though she tease spitefully,
Kissing delightfully,
Loving me rightfully,
She ever comforts me;
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But she loves me alone,
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The dusky night rides down the sky,
And ushers in the morn;
The hounds all join in glorious cry,
The hounds all join in glorious cry,
The huntsman winds his horn,
The huntsman winds his horn.

Then a hunting we will go,
A hunting we will go,
A hunting, hunting we will go,
A hunting we will go,

The wife around her husband throws
Her arms to make him stay
"My dearl it rains, it hails, it blows,"
"My dearl it rains, it hails, it blows,"
"You cannot hunt today,"
"You cannot hunt today."
Then a hunting etc.

Th' uncavern'd fox like lightening flies.
His cunning's all awake;
To gain the race he eager tries
To gain the race he eager tries
His forfeit life, the stake,
His forfeit life, the stake.

Then a hunting etc.

At length his strength to faintness worn,
The hounds avert his flight;
Then hungry homeward we return,
Then hungry homeward we return
To feast away the night,
To feast away the night.

Then a hunting etc.

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Now is the month of Maying, When merry lads are playing, Fa la la la la la.
Each with his bonny lass, A-dancing on the grass.
Fa la la la la.

The Spring clad all in gladness
Doth laugh at Winter's sadness,
Fa la la la la la.
And to the bagpipe's sound
The nymphs tread out their ground.
Fa la la la la.

Fye then, why sit ye musing, Sweet youth's delight's refusing? Fa la la la la la. Say, dainty nymphs and sweet, Shall we play barley break? Fa la la la la.

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The Mermaid

One Friday morn, when we set sail, And our ship not far from land, We there did espy a fair pretty maid, With a comb and a glass in her hand,

> While the raging seas did roar, And the stormy winds did blow, And we jolly sailor boys were up, up aloft, And the land lubbers lying down below.

Then up spoke the captain of our gallant ship, Who at once our peril did see, "I have married a wife in fair London town, And this night she a widow will be."

While the raging etc.

And then up spoke the little cabin boy, And a fair haired boy was he, "I've a father and mother in fair Portsmouth town, And this night they will weep for me."

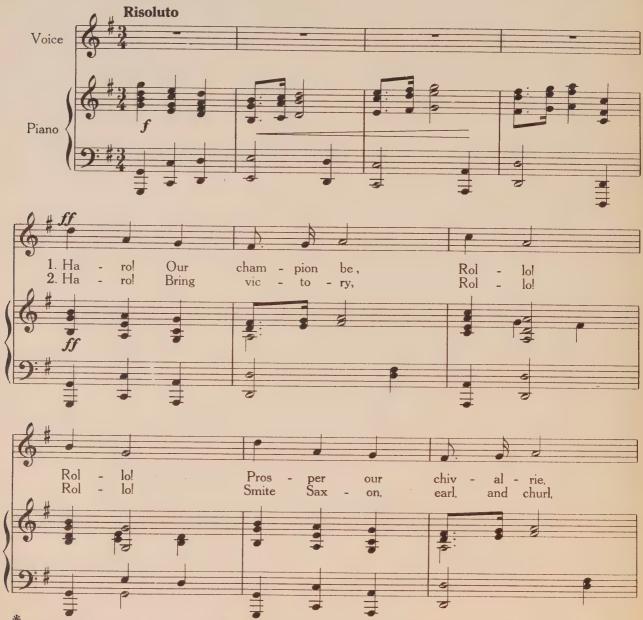
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Then three times round went our gallant ship, And three times round went she; For the want of a lifeboat they all went down. As she sank to the bottom of the sea.

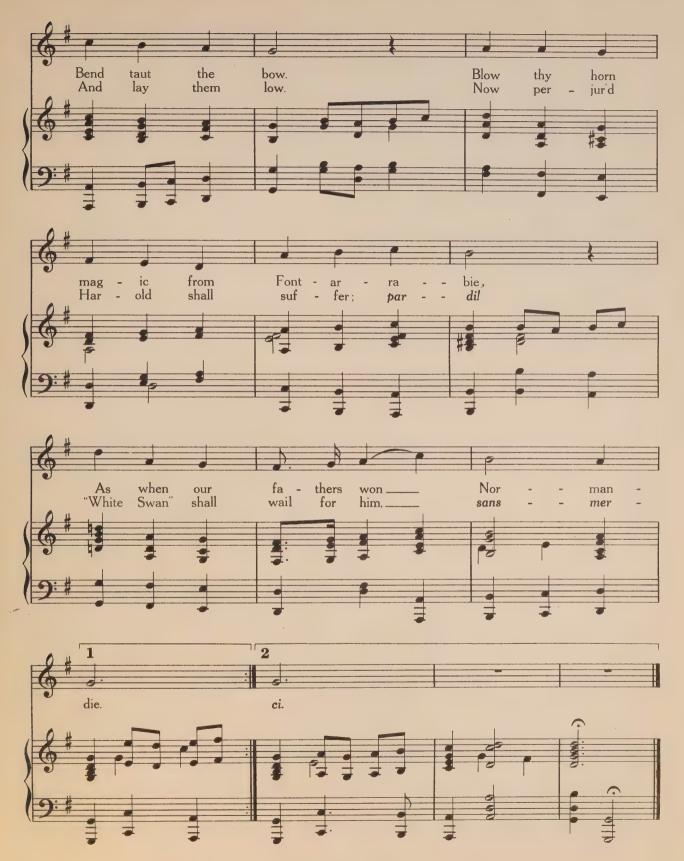
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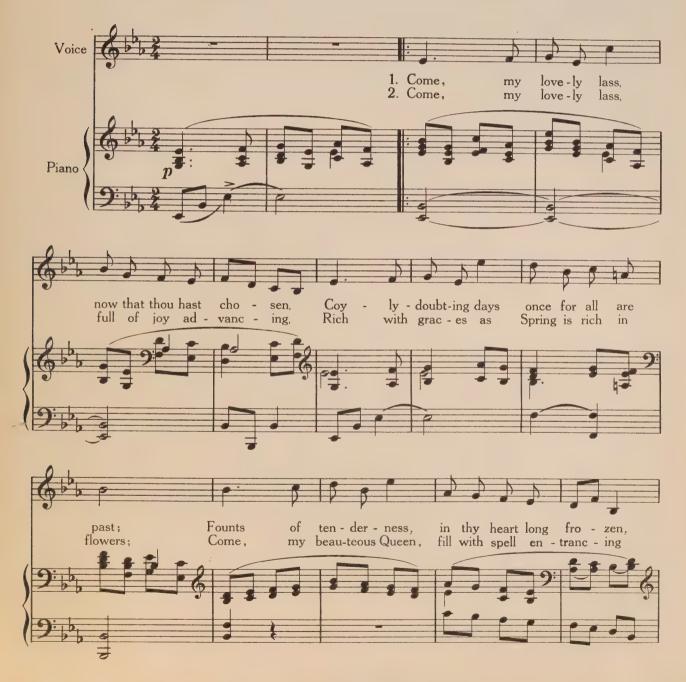
Haro! Our champion be, Rollo! Rollo! Prosper our chivalrie, Bend taut the bow. Blow thy horn magic from Fontarrabie, As when our fathers won Normandie.

Harol Bring victory,
Rollo! Rollo!
Smite Saxon, earl, and churl,
And lay them low.
Now perjur'd Harold shall suffer: pardi!
"White Swan" shall wail for him, sans merci.

Harold Boulton

Come my lovely Lass

Words by HAROLD BOULTON 17th. Century Air Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.





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Come my lovely Lass

Come my lovely lass, now that thou hast chosen, Coyly - doubting days once for all are past; Founts of tenderness, in thy heart long frozen, Flow in melting flood toward me at last.

Mine thy dimpled cheek, blushing so demurely,
Mine thy smile of love banishing my sighs,
Mine the lily hand held in pledge securely,
While I look into thy star-like eyes.

Come my lovely lass, full of joy advancing,
Rich with graces as Spring is rich in flowers,
Come my beauteous Queen, fill with spell entrancing
All that wonder - world which will be ours.

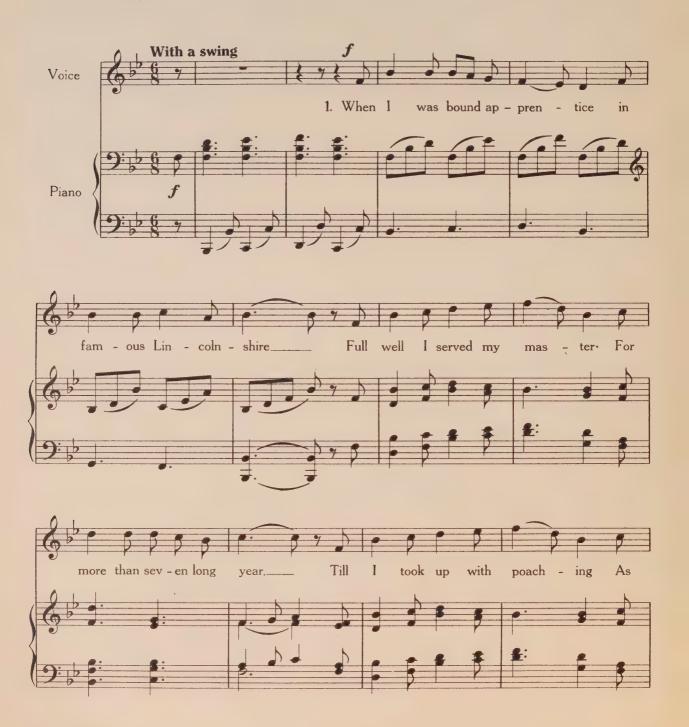
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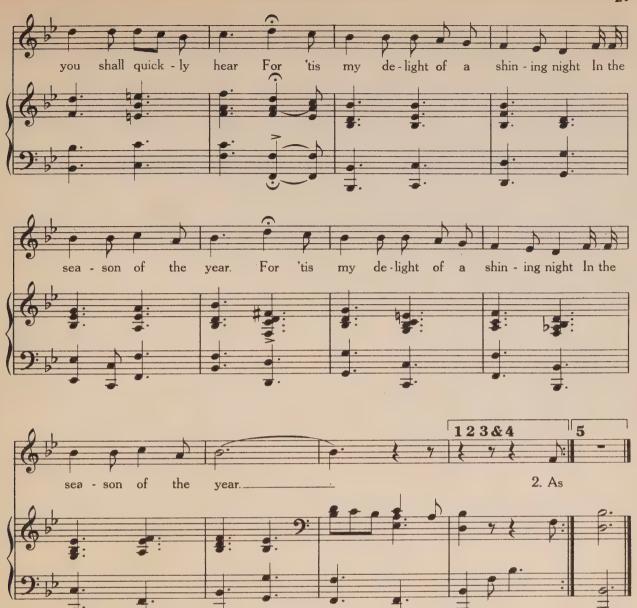
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The Lincolnshire Poacher

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Arranged by
ARTHUR SOMERVELL





2. As me and my com-pan-i-ons
Were a setting of a snare,
The gamekeeper were watching us,
For him we did not care.
I knocks un out on a grassy bank
And leaves un sleeping there.
For tis my delight, etc.

A milder edition is:-

I knocks him down and away he goes, Not much the worse for wear.

3. As me and my com-pan-i-ons
Were a-setting four or five,
And as we takes them up again
We catches the hares alive.
We catches the hares alive, my boys
And thro the woods did steer.
For tis my delight, etc.

- 4. We throw'd 'em over our shoulders
 And then us trudged to town;
 We took 'em to a neighbour's house,
 And sold 'em for a crown.
 We sold 'em for a crown, my boys,
 I need not tell you where.
 For 'tis my delight, etc.
- 5. Success to every gentleman
 As lives in Lincolnshire.
 Success to every poacher
 As loves to set a snare.
 Bad luck to every gamekeeper
 As grudges us a hare.
 For its my delight, etc.

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I believe that this song did not make its appearance till well on in the nineteenth century. The words have been attributed, but I know not on what authority, to the Author of "Tom Brown's Schooldays." If any excuse were needed for revising them it is to be found in the irrelevant way in which the song comes to an end in any edition which I have seen. H. B.

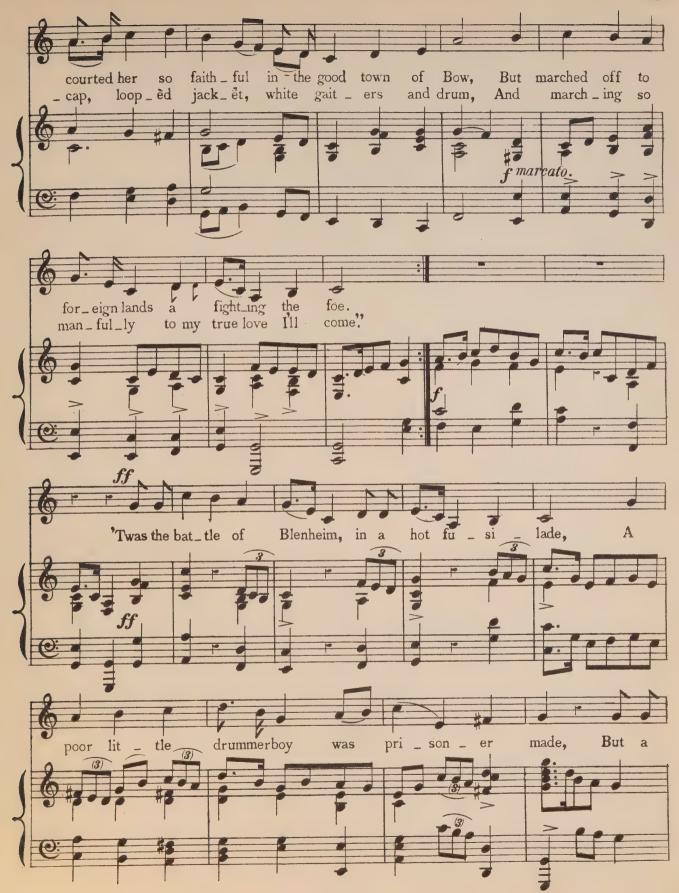


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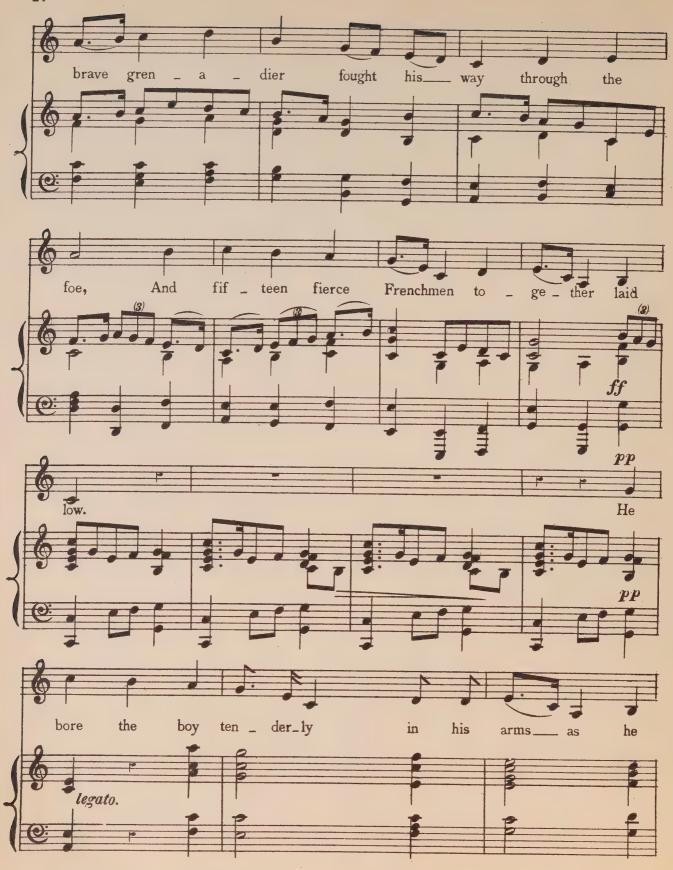
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PRETTY POLLY OLIVER.

Oh! pretty Polly Oliver, the pride of her sex, The love of a grenadier her poor heart did vex; He courted her so faithful in the good town of Bow, But marched off to foreign lands a fighting the foe.

"I cannot rest single, nor false I'll not prove, So I'll list for a drummer boy and follow my love, Peak cap, looped jacket, white gaiters and drum, And marching so manfully to my true love I'll come."

'Twas the battle of Blenheim, in a hot fusilade, A poor little drummer boy was prisoner made, But a brave grenadier fought his way thro' the foe, And fifteen fierce Frenchmen together laid low.

He bore the boy tenderly in his arms as he swooned,
He opened his jacket for to search for a wound;
"O pretty Polly Oliver, my bravest, my bride,
Your true love shall nevermore be torn from your side."

The birds they sang joyously in that far foreign land,
The drums beat triumphantly with bugle and band,
Said Marlborough, "Queen Anne, and all England shall hear,
How I wed Polly Oliver to the brave grenadier."

HAROLD BOULTON.

Ayont Yon Hill

Words by HAROLD BOULTON Scottish melody. Arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL.



By arrangement from "Songs of the North" Vol. II.



Ayont Yon Hill

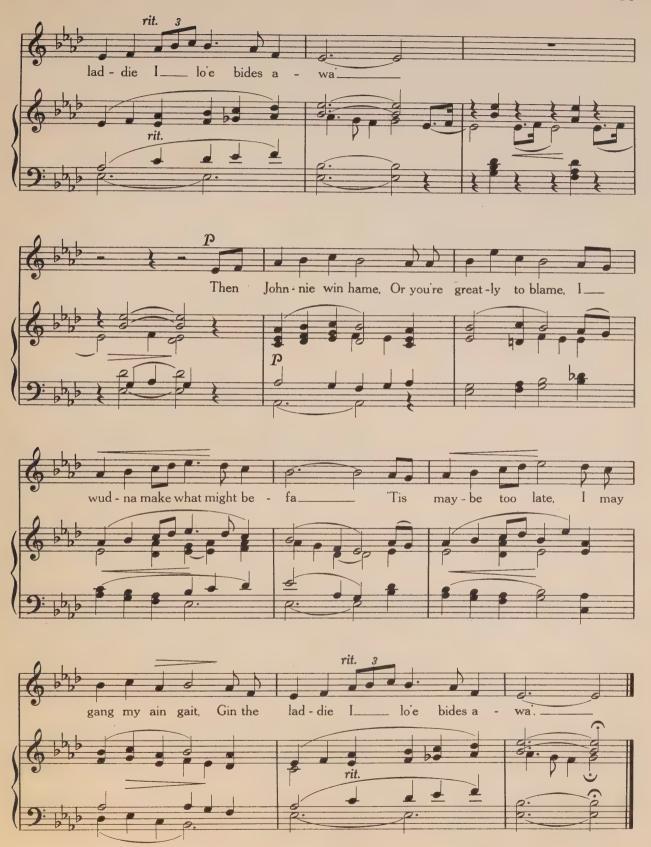
Ayont yon hill the lassie bides,
The lassie I lo'e weel,
And gin I were a wand ring wind,
Awa' to her I'd steal.
Her hair's a wab of softest silk,
Her face a denty flow'r;
Her e'en like stars that glint sae mild
At the melting twilight hour.

Oh had I wealth of gold and gear,
Or fame the warld can give,
I'd change them all for her bright smile,
That bids me hope and live.
In dool or joy what e'er befa',
What e'er the weird I dree,
My jewel rare I'll woo and win
And wear until I dee.

Harold Boulton

The Laddie I Lo'e





The Laddie I Lo'e

I'm a canty wee quean,
Just complete seventeen,
And I'm no that ill faur'd tho' I'm sma'.
Though kindly I'm kent,
And I live fair content,
Yet the laddie I lo'e bides awa'.

Me liltin' sae gay
At my work and my play
The lads they come coortin' and a';
Jes' whiles by and bye
I'll be silent and sigh,
For the laddie I lo'e bides awa'.

Then Johnnie win hame
Or you're greatly to blame,
I wudna make what might befa;
'Tis maybe too late,
I may gang my ain gait,
Gin the laddie I lo'e bides awa'.

Harold Boulton

Charlie is my Darling

Words by BARONESS NAIRNE. (1766-1845) Old Scotch Melody arranged by ARTHUR SOMERVELL





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Charlie is my Darling

Twas on a Monday morning, Right early in the year, When Charlie cam' to our toun, The young Chevalier.

> Oh! Charlie is my darling, My darling, my darling; Oh! Charlie is my darling, The young Chevalier.

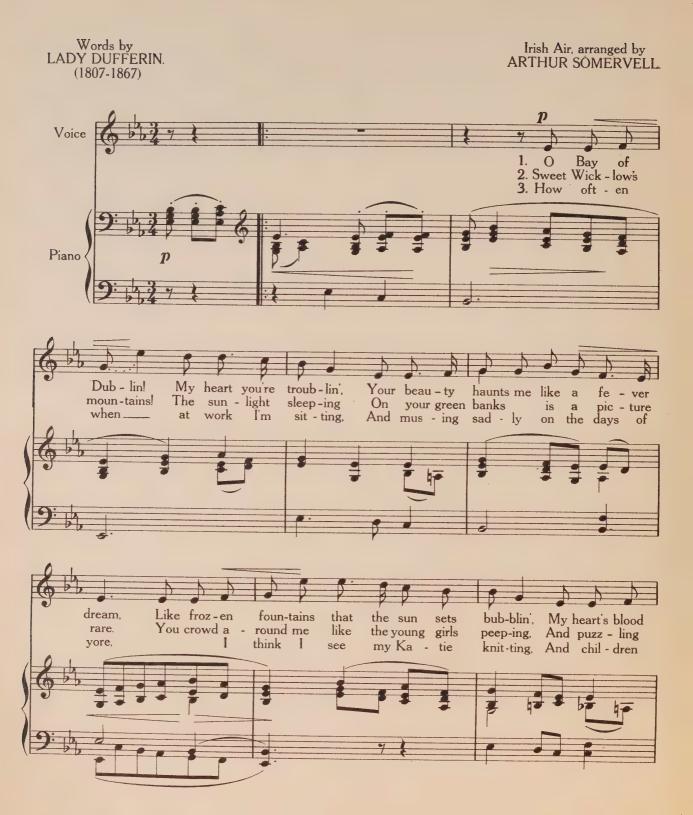
As he cam' marching up the street,
The pipes played loud and clear,
And a' the folk cam' rinnin' out
To meet the Chevalier.

Oh! Charlie is my darling, etc.,

Oh!There were mony beating hearts, And mony a hope and fear; And mony were the prayers put up For the young Chevalier.

Oh! Charlie is my darling, etc.,

O Bay of Dublin!





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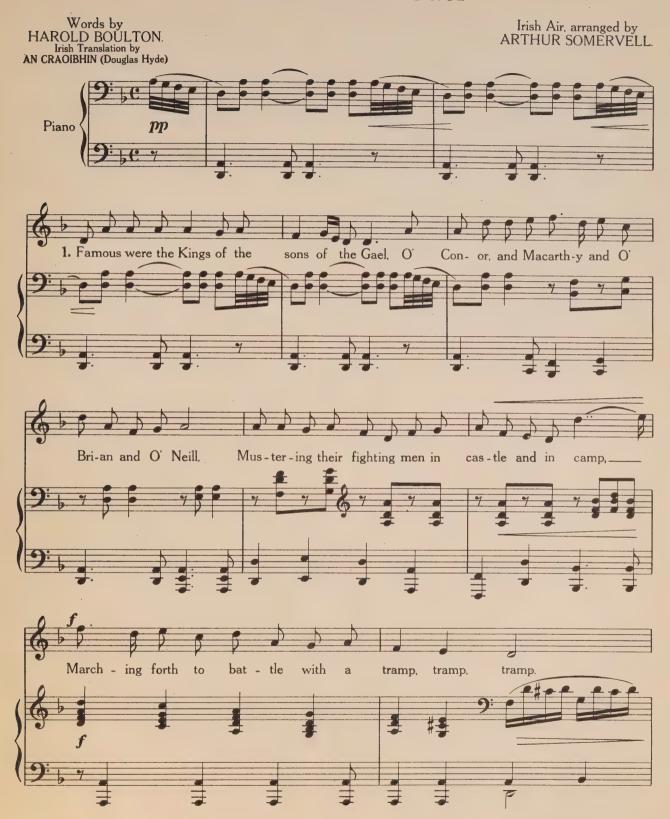
O Bay of Dublin! my heart you're troublin',
Your beauty haunts me like a fever dream,
Like frozen fountains that the sun sets bubblin',
My heart's blood warms when I but hear your name;
And never till this life pulse ceases
My earliest latest thought you'll cease to be.
There's no one here knows how fair that place is,
And no one cares how dear it is to me.

Sweet Wicklow's mountains! The sunlight sleeping,
On your green banks is a picture rare.
You crowd around me like the young girls peeping.
And puzzling me to say which is most fair.
As they you'd see your own dear faces
Reflected in that smooth and silver sea.
My blessing on those lovely places,
They no one cares how dear they are to me.

How often when at work I'm sitting,
And musing sadly on the days of yore,
I think I see my Katie knitting,
And children playing round the cabin door;
I think I see the neighbours' faces
All gather'd round, their long lost friend to see.
Tho' no one knows here how fair that place is,
Heav'n knows how dear that poor home was to me.

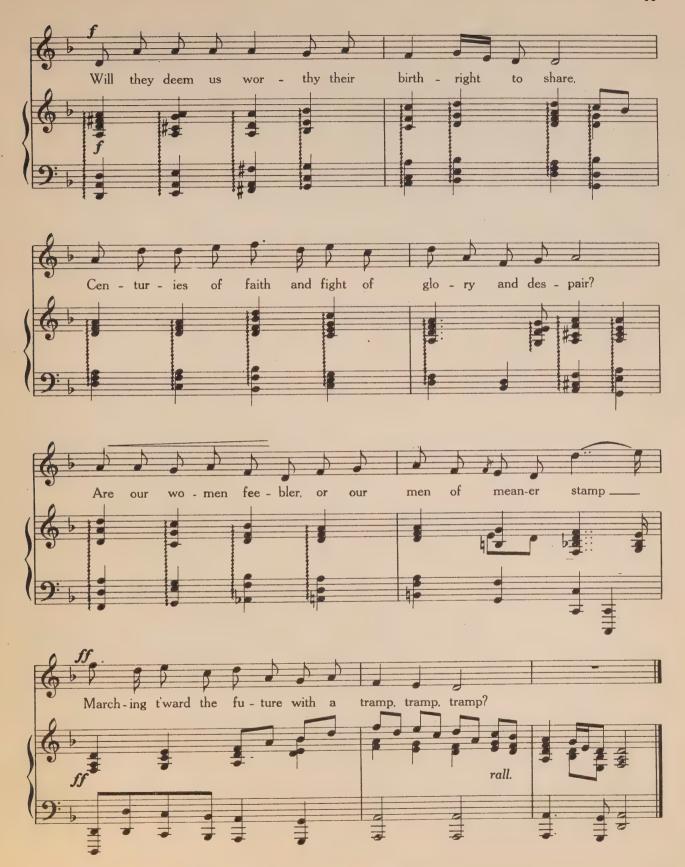
Lady Dufferin (1807-1867)

Sons of the Gael





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Sons of the Gael

Famous were the Kings of the sons of the Gael; O'Conor and Macarthy and O'Brian and O'Neill, Mustering their fighting men in castle and in camp, Marching forth to battle with a tramp, tramp, tramp.

On the wheels of fate, spinning joy, spinning pain, Wisdom, Valour, Beauty span our lives, a tangled skein; Lighting History's pages, and upholding Honour's lamp, Marching down the ages with a tramp, tramp, tramp.

Will they deem us worthy their birthright to share, Centuries of faith and fight of glory and despair? Are our women feebler, or our men of meaner stamp, Marching toward the future with a tramp, tramp?

Harold Boulton

B'árd, b'uaibhreach na righthe bhi i n-Éirinn na n Gaedhal, Conchubhnar Mac Cárthaigh a's O Briain a's O Néill Le n-a lucht-leanamhna nach raidh claon ná cam, Ag máirseál chum an chatha dheirg, go trom trom trom.

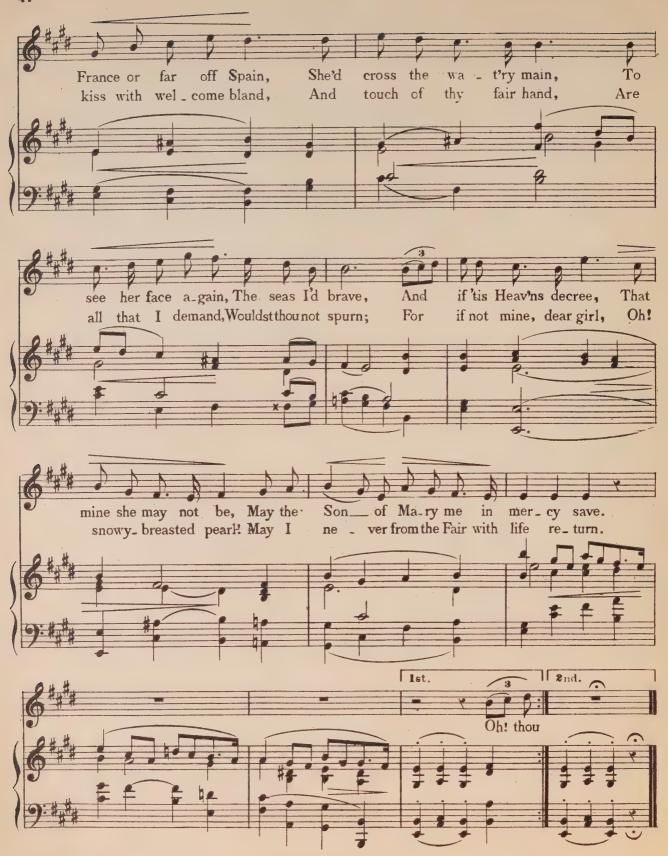
Túrna na Cineamhna! Ta lúthghaire a's brón D'á sníomh aici, agus Críonnacht, agus Cródhacht mhór, Agus Sgiamh, agus Onóir, agus bualadh drom, Ag teacht anuas, orrainn O! go trom trom trom.

Ná raibh cáil indiu orrainn nár bh fiú sinn féin Do bheith páirteach leis na daoinibh do bhí ró ainn go tréan, 'Bhfuil laige 'teacht ar mhnáibh, no 'bhfuil fir ag éirghe fann? Ag máirseal chum an am' 'tá 'teacht, go trom trom trom.

Irish Translation by AN CRAOIBHIN (Douglas Hyde)

THE SNOWY BREASTED PEARL





THE SNOWY BREASTED PEARL.

There's a colleen fair as May, For a year and for a day

I have sought by every way, her heart to gain; There's no art of tongue or eye, Fond youths with maidens try,

But I've tried with ceaseless sigh-Yet tried in vain. If to France or far off Spain, She'd cross the wat'ry main,

To see her face again,—The seas I'd brave. And if 'tis heaven's decree, That mine she may not be,

May the Son of Mary, me -In mercy save.

Oh, thou blooming milk-white dove. To whom I've given true love,

Do not even thus reprove-My constancy. There are maidens would be mine, With wealth in hand and kine,

If my heart would but incline-To turn from thee. But a kiss with welcome bland, And touch of thy fair hand,

Are all that I'd demand, -Wouldst thou not spurn; For if not mine, dear girl, Oh! snowy-breasted Pearl!

May I never from the Fair-With life return!

DR. PETRIE.

PEARLA AN BHROLLAIGH BHÁIN.

Atá cailín deas am chrádh, Le bliadhain agus le lá, Is ní fhéadhaim a fágháil le bréagadh Nfl aisde ehlis le radh, Dá g-canaid fir le mná. Nár chaitheamair gan tábhacht léi-si: Do'n Frainc nó do'n Spain, Dá d-téigheadh mo ghradh, Go raghainn-si gach lá dá féachain, Is mar an bh-fuil sé a n-dán,

Duinn an ainnfhir chiuin seo d'fhághail, Uch! Mac Muire na n-grás d'ár saoradh

Sa chailín chailce bhláth, Dá d tugas searc is grádh, Ná tabhair-si gach tráth dham éradh; 'Sa liacht ainnfhir mhín am dheáigh Re buaibh is maoin 'na láimh,

Da n-gabhamais a d'áit céile: Póg is míle fáilte.
'S barraidhe geal do lámh. Asé 'n-iarrfuinn-si go bráth mat spreidh leat : 'S mar an damhsa ta tu a n-dán, A l'héarla an Bhrollaigh bháin,

Nár thig mise slan ô'n n-aonac.

TRADITIONAL.



Sing me thy Song

Sing me thy song, harp of my fathers, When round the hearth friendship foregathers. Sing of victories routs and rallies, Hard-fought battles, sieges, sallies, Where a thousand memories throng

Cambria's hills and valleys,

Dyro dy gân, delyn fy nhadau, Mwynder a fo yn dy ganiadau: Dwg hudoliaeth, deca delyn, Oesau gwylio trais y gelyn, Cof y dewrion gynt a fu, Deled gyda 'r delyn!

Make Love thy song, Love through the Lzes Ruler of Kings, peoples and sages. Sing of groves by lovers haunted, Kisses stolen, kisses granted, Striking chords that linger long, Harmonies enchanted.

Adrodd am serch, brenin yr oesau, Cân am ei boen, gwynfyd ei loesau, Cân am lwybrau mwyn gariadau, Addewidion, disgwyladau, Tannau pêr a drigo 'n hir, Melys brudd wëadau.

Sing one more song, newly invented, Tell of a world wise and contented, Nations linked in brave endeavour Bonds of peace that none can sever, Right triumphant over wrong, Freedom throned for ever.

Can eto gân, newydd fo honno, Dywed am fyd doeth a'n bodlono, Cân tangnefedd a haelioni Byd a wypo bob daioni, Byd a'n gwir yn curo'n gau, Rhyddid i'w goroni!

Harold Boulton
(Prydydd Cenhedloedd Prydain)

T. Gwynn Jones

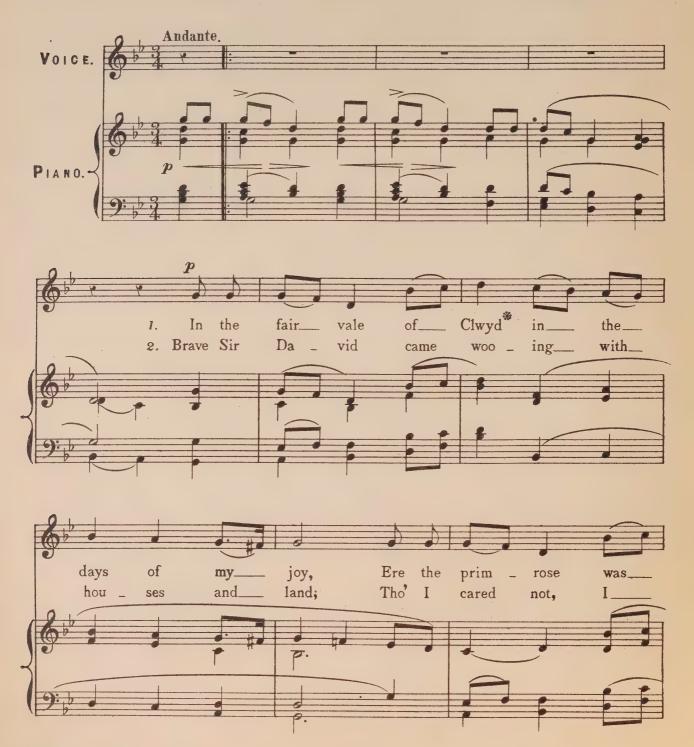
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(Y BACHGEN MAIN) .

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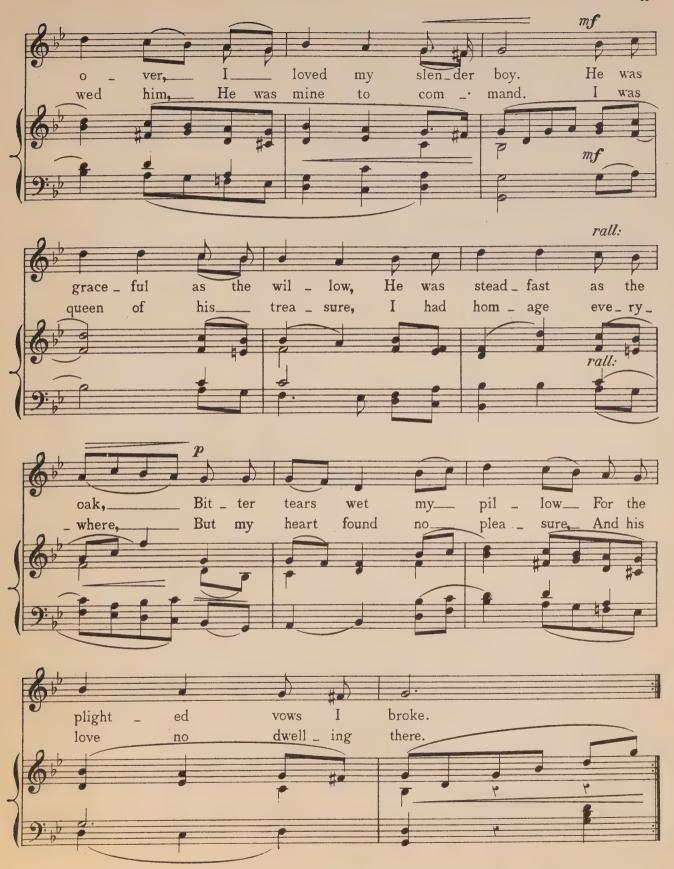
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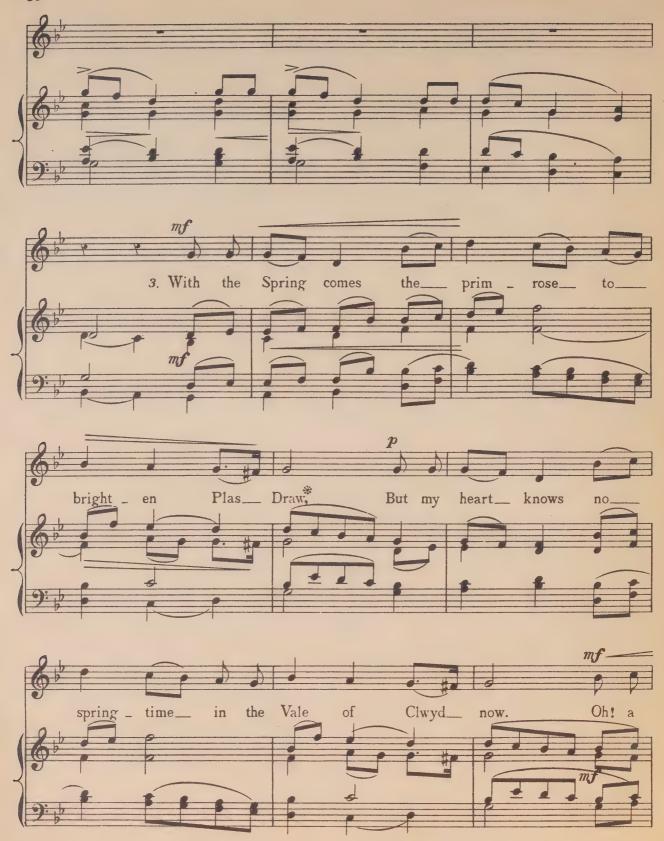


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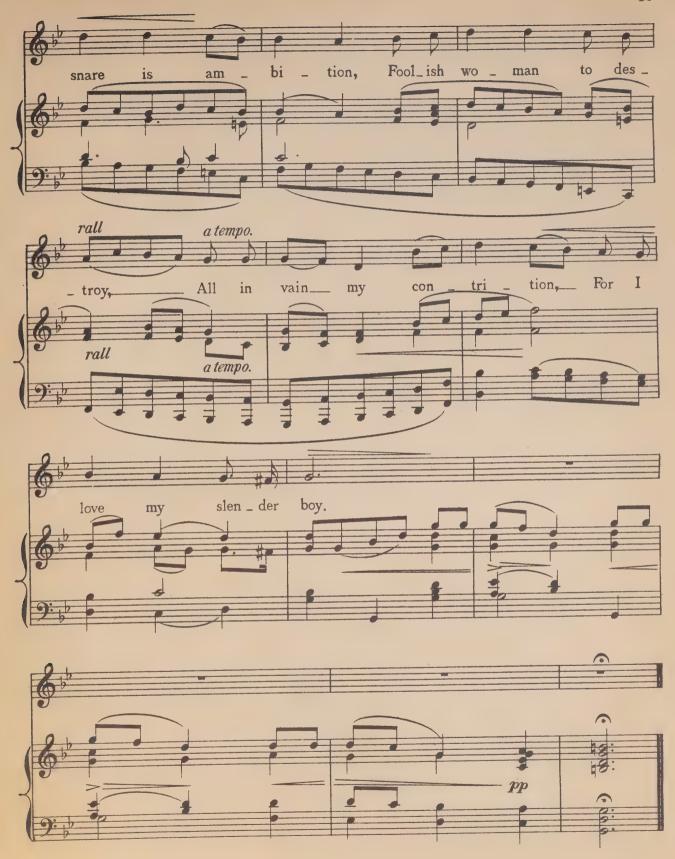
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THE SLENDER BOY.

In the fair Vale of Clwyd in the days of my joy, Ere the primrose was over, I loved my slender boy, He was graceful as the willow, he was steadfast as the oak, Bitter tears wet my pillow for the plighted vows I broke.

Brave Sir David came wooing with houses and land; Though I cared not, I wed him, he was mine to command, I was queen of his treasure, I had homage everywhere, But my heart found no pleasure, and his love no dwelling there.

With the spring comes the primrose to brighten Plas Draw,*
But my life knows no springtime in the Vale of Clwyd now.
Oh! a snare is ambition, foolish woman to destroy,
All in vain my contrition, for I love my slender boy!

HAROLD BOULTON.

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Y BACHGEN MAIN.

Pan yn ieuangc yn y Dyffryn, Ysgafn galon dan fy mron, Heb un gofid yn fy mlino, Canu wnawn o hyd yn llon; Cariad ddaeth a'i saethau treiddiol, 'Nelodd ataf, clwyfodd fi; Clwyf dolurus, clwyf pleserus Oedd y clwyf a gefais i.

Yn y Gwanwyn daeth y blodau, Yn yr Hâf daeth mwy o'r rhai'n, Yn yr Hydref daeth fy nghariad, Cariad oedd y Bachgen Main. Teg ei wyneb, dewr ei galon, Ymfalchio ynwyf wnai; O! na fuaswn inau'n ffyddlon I fy Machgen Main difai.

Daeth Syr Dafydd gyda'i gyfoeth, Minau gludwyd gyda'r ffrŵd; Bu'n edifar genyf ganwaith, 'Nawr 'rwy'n medi'r chwerw gnŵd; Er i'm gerddi dyfu'r lili, Yn fy nghalon tyf y drain; Er holl drysor gwych Syr Dafydd, Caru 'rwyf y Bachgen Main.

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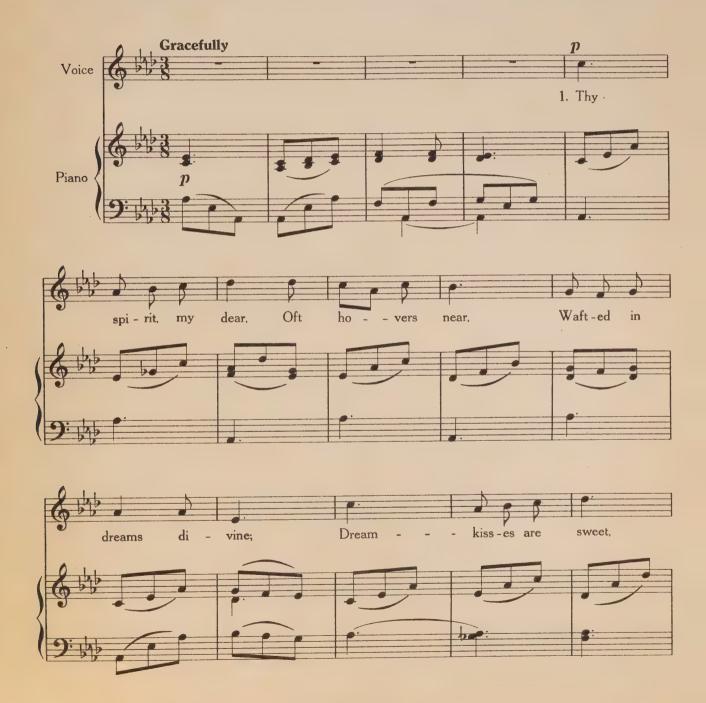
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Maori Love Song

Thy spirit, my dear,
Oft hovers near,
Wafted in dreams divine.
Dream - kisses are sweet,
When our lips meet,
Lover of mine.

Love came ere I knew
Pierced my heart through,
Pinned it secure to thine.
That pin knows no rust,
Tarnish or dust,
Lover of mine.

My love hath bound thee Closely to me, As with a strand of twine, Knots none can undo Fasten us two, Lover of mine.

Harold Boulton.

Hoki hoki tanu mai te wairua O te tau. Ki te awhi reinga, Ki tenei ki ri e au.

Ko herea koe e au ki e here O te aroha: Ki te here e kore Nei e makere e au.

Ko pinea koe e au ki te pine O te aroha: Ki te pine e Kore nei e waikura e au.

(Verse added by the Maori Troops in the trenches of Gallipoli)

Bowed down with regrets, I smoke cigarettes At Gallipoli in the line; So far from thee, dear I'm desolate here, Lover of mine.

He Ka-i-nga hikareti K'a-ri-po-ri moke moke te rere nauku O te au-wa-hi e au.







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